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Missionary Rooms Boston March 29.
1834.

My Dear brother

Yours of Dec 23. was received a few days since. We are truly happy that the Lord has been pleased to give you a pleasant residence in a climate so mild and propitious as that of France. Let it be your leading object every where to recover your health, remembering that the continuance of your life never seemed to us so important to the interests of that cause which you love, I doubt not, better than even life.

The Committee cheerfully consent to your visiting Holland at the expense of the Board, and for the purpose stated in your letter. May the Lord accompany you, and give you wisdom as an angel of God.

I am anxious to secure the Packet of April 1st. and therefore can add no more except that I am very affectionately

Your friend & brother

R. Anderson Sec. A.B.C.F.M

P. S. Whatever money you need to obtain in Paris may be procured from John Stoddard Esq. Rue de Clery. No. 9. Paris. He is connected with the house of Edwards & Stoddard of this City who have just informed me that they will authorise him to make the necessary advances to you.

Mr. Hill encloses a letter of Credit for you on the House of Baring Brothers & Co. London, for one hundred and fifty pounds. We do not suppose you will need to take the whole sum, but think it will to send you ample authority. You will do well to request some friend to accompany you who is known to one of the Partners of the house.

R. Anderson
Sec. &c.

Memoranda for Mr. Gustavus A. Van Lennep April 1st. 1834

1. Take the mail Stage for Hartford at 3. A.M. Wednesday, it goes by way of Worcester, and starts from Massachusetts Coffee House, Hannover St.

2. You have a letter for your former instructor Mr. Fellows. If he is out of Town show the letter to Rev. Dr. Hawes.

3. Take the Steam Boat for N. York on thursday noon. Mr. Fellows or Dr. Hawes will introduce you to some gentleman, who will tell you when to pay your paſsage, and will advise and assist you in conveying your baggage from the Steamboat to the Hotel.

4. In New York go directly to the Clinton Hotel in Beekman Street. It is opposite Dr. Springs Church / the Brick Church / and near Mr. Tracys Office. As soon as is convenient after arriving in New-York, deliver the letter I have given you to Mr. Tracy. His office is in the Brick church Chapel a new building in the same enclosure with the church. Mr. Tracy will give you all the advice and assistance you need in New York, both when going and returning. You can read my letter addreſsed to him before delivering it. Fryday, you can spend in surveying the City, and calling upon friends for whom you have letters.

5. Saturday morning Mr. Tracy will see you on board the Steamboat for Philadelphia, which is connected with the Rail Road, and will introduce you to some gentleman who will assist you in paying your fare, see that your and your baggage are properly placed on the Rail road and aſsist you in getting your trunk safely to your lodgings in Philadelphia. Go first to the Mansion house, which is I believe in South 3d Street, but if that House is full, go next to the United States Hotel, in Chesnut Street. After seeing your trunk safely deposited in your Chamber go, that afternoon or evening, and deliver my letter to Rev Dr Ely a wealthy and very kind and excellent clergyman, in Sh 2d. Street, and let him be your adviser when in the city of Philadelphia. You will find him very busy, but he will do any thing in his power for you. The water works by which the city is supplied with water, the United States mint the United States Bank, the States prison, and the museum are worth seeing in this City, but those you will see on your return. If Dr Ely is not at home, show my letter to Mr. Henry Perkins, Bookseller, in Chesnut Street / i.e. the letter addreſsed to Dr Ely / and request him to act as

your friend. You have also a letter to Mr. Perkins, authorizing him to advance you money for your journey

You receive 30 dollars in Boston, and will need to get more of Mr Perkins. Get it immediately after arriving and obtaining lodgings. If Dr Ely is at home I advise you to go to his meeting, half the day on the Sabbath (which you will of course spend in Philadelphia) the other half of the day perhaps you had better go to the 1st Presbyterian Church, Mr. Barnes

6. Monday morning early you will leave Philadelphia for Baltimore. Take the Boat which is connected with the Railroad. Dr Ely or Mr. Perkins will introduce you to some gentleman who will act as your friend on the way

7. Go to the City Hotel Baltimore. I am not acquainted with any gentleman in that City, to whome I can introduce you. The Revd Mr. Nevins is an excellent man and would gladly befriend you. Perhaps I may procure you a line to him; perhaps I may venture to give one. If I do not ask Dr. Ely to give you a letter to him or some other person.

8 Tuesday go on to Washington and take lodgings in the Hotel, which Dr. Ely or your Baltimore friend may recommend to you. Perhaps Gaddsby's house will be as good as any one, about 1/3 of the way from the Capitol to the Presidents house. Call on Mr Post with my letter to him. He will befriend you and put you in a way of seeing the "lions" of the City.

9. Spend Wednesday and Thursday in Washington. Perhaps you may wish to spend Friday also. In that case you will spend the Sabbath in Baltimore. There is not much to see in Baltimore except the Washington monument, and a few sumptuous Churches. I advise you to attend Mr. Nevins Church at least once.

10. Monday come to Philadelphia. You had better come by way of the Canal, which connects the Chesapeake & Delaware, I mean in the line of Steamboats, which are connected with the canal. You ought to be introduced to some gentleman on board. Spend tuesday in Philadelphia, seeing the objects mentioned on a previous page. If there is cause why you should hasten back, I will write you to Dr Ely's care. If you dont hear from me, and are not living at a public house where your expences will be great, you could stay till thursday if you wish to do so.

12. Fryday come to New York, and remain there, if you dont hear otherwise from me, till monday. Should your money fall short. Mr Tracy will advance you some, upon your showing him this remark of mine. But you must be very economical, remembering that your expences in this country have been great.

13. On monday you return to Boston from New York.

14 Write me from Philadelphia on your way to Washington and after arriving at that City

Mr. Van Linnock did not leave until Saturday and this was altered accordingly)

Your Affe Friend
R. Anderson

Mr. Henry Dimond
New York City

Missionary Rooms Boston
April 2d. 1834

My Dear Sir

Dr. Wisner wrote you that you might not be called on to sail for the Sandwich Islands before the fall, but that an opportunity might occur much sooner. There is now a prospect that a large good vessel will sail for the Sandwich Islands in May and perhaps early in May. Mr. Hill has gone to Nantucket to ascertain the facts.

I write you now to enquire, whether your arrangements, as to marriage &c are such that if necessary, you can be ready to embark early next month? So far as outfit is concerned, we can put you in readiness to sail in a very few days. One of the families which last went to the Sandwich Islands, was fitted out in twenty four hours; so was a family which went to Siam, owing to the failure of baggage to arrive in season. So also experience has abundantly shown, that it is not good to take a long time for farewell visits to friends. Missionaries, themselves are generally convinced at the last, that a comparatively short time, is better than a long time. Nothing is so weary to the body so exhausting to the spirits, as numerous, successive, protracted, farewells for life.

I mention these things merely as facts to enable you to give an intelligent answer to my enquiry, whether you and your wife (if you take one as I hope you will) can be ready to embrace an opportunity early in May, or any time in May? At the same time I earnestly advise you to put your affairs in such a way that you can be in readiness at short notice. I do not mean that you should marry before the time of sailing is definitely fixed, and you know it is near; but that all other arrangements which you think desirable, should be made as far as possible.

Please write me immediately. Should you go out married, we shall expect to send two unmarried females with you. May the Lord be pleased to smile and bless you

In great haste, but most truly yours

R. Anderson. Secy &c &c

P. S. We are anxious to send out a first-rate married Printer to the Sandwich Islands. Do you know such a man? Can you do any thing to induce such a man to offer his services without much delay?

Miss Lydia Brown
Greenfield N.H.

Missionary Rooms Boston
April 2d. 1834.

My Dear Madam,

I wrote you on the 27th ulto. informing you of your appointment to the Sandwich Islands Mission &c &c That letter you have probably received.

I now write to say that Mr. Hill has gone to Nantucket to make enquiries concerning a large vessel which is said to be going to the Sandwich Islands, and to sail early in May. We know nothing more. But it may be very important to have missionaries and every thing in Boston by the first of next month. I wish you would keep this steadily in mind, and if possible engage the mechanics to have the wheels &c &c done so that they can be in Boston by that time.

Should Mr. Hill report on his return, four or five days hence that you cannot go thence no harm will ~~not~~ have been done by your making haste, provided the articles are well done. I will let you know as soon as may be. In great haste

but very truly Yours

R. Anderson. Secy &c

Rev. Miron Winslow } Missionary Rooms Boston
Dear Brother } April 5th. 1834

I have thought it might be worth while to say that we expect you to take lodgings with Hon. Samuel Hubbard, Bumstead Place, and the two Miss Poors to come directly to my house, No. 4. Pinkney Street. Mr. Cutler's house, owing to sickness, is now full, otherwise your brother says, he should expect you to take lodgings there. him.

I am still not without hope that we shall have your aid at the next monthly concert.

I have already written you all that it is important to say before seeing you and am most truly yours

R. Anderson. Secy

Mr. Amos Abbot } Missionary Rooms Boston
Andover, Ms. } April 9. 1834.

My Dear Sir

I am happy to inform you that last evening the Committee appointed you an assistant missionary of the Board, with a view to your becoming connected with the Mahratta Mission, as a catechist, visitor of mission Schools, distributor of the Holy Scriptures, and religious tracts etc. etc. Your duties will be more particularly described in the instructions you will receive on leaving the country. May you receive this appointment with a humble and fervent desire and intention to be wholly devoted to the service of Christ among the Gentiles.

There is a strong probability that you will sail from Salem, sometime in the next month. (May) though no arrangement has yet been made. As the ship we have in view will go direct to Bombay, it will be of great importance that you be ready. We can probably inform you more particularly within a week.

Please see that testimonials are procured immediately concerning your intended wife. Every arrangement, except marriage itself, should be made as soon as possible: - that should be deferred till the time for sailing is fixed & known.

You will be allowed 666 dollars to purchase the necessary clothing for yourself and wife, the matrass and bedding for the voyage, and a select private library, and the furniture necessary to commence housekeeping in India. If your friends will furnish any part of this, the fair valuations of what they furnish can go to pay your debts. Be economical. Take all your old Clothes for the voyage. You will need as many as three dozen Cotton shirts (with linen bosoms, collars, & wristbands of course.) No washing can be done at sea. Estimating the voyage at four months, it may be well to take four dozen Shirts. In respect to Sheets, we usually allow three (not three pair) to a fortnight, and pillowcases in proportion. So of Stockings and other articles of apparel. Most of your clothing, but not all, must be for warm weather. When you come to Boston, bring an exact list of all your clothing, books, &c &c.

Get some friend, who can certify on oath as to the place of your nativity, and go with him to a Notary Public. From the Notary procure a certificate, and a description of your person and send it to the Secretary of State, at Washington, requesting him to forward, to my care a passport for you to India. Tell him you expect to sail soon and will be greatly obliged if you can receive it without delay. Dont neglect or delay this, as you must have a passport.

As you have access to Mr. Bardwell I will add no more now. Make any enquiries you please. May the Saviour guide and bless you.

Mr. Geo W Hubbard
Andover Mss.

Missionary Rooms Boston
April 9. 1834

Dear Sir

I am happy to inform you that last evening the Committee appointed you an assistant Missionary of the Board, with a view to your becoming connected with the Mahratta mission as a catechist visiter of mission Schools, distributer of the Holy Scriptures and religious tracts &c &c With this provision however, that the letter expected from your pastor Mr. Chickering, should be of the same general tenor with the testimonials already received from Mr. Howe and others. The Committee passed this resolution, appointing you conditionally, because the time is short, and that you might, if you thought proper, begin your preparations without delay.

Your duties in the Mission will be more particularly described &c &c. ##

For the remainder of this letter see the one next preceding.

Missionary Rooms
Boston April 9. 1834

Dear Brother Hallock,

I send you a few extracts from Mr. Bridgman's last letter to me, fearing you may not hear from him in time for your report.

I have received your letter of the   in reply to mine. My estimate of the cost of a printing establishment such as you would purchase, was erroneous. Our Ceylon estabt. has a set of English types. Those you wanted not reckon, I presume in the cost of an establishment for your use. The cost would probably be $1000 or 1200 dollars.

I hope to see Mr. Winslow this week. Please give him my most affc. regards

Very truly Yours

Rev. Wm A. Hallock   R. Anderson. Secy.

Revd N. S. S. Beman }
Troy N. York }

Missionary Rooms Boston
April 9th. 1834.

My Dear Sir

Perhaps it has not been in any proper sense necessary that I should delay writing you so long, but I have thought so. And now when I set about beating the bush for facts and thoughts on the subject you propose, I find I have none but what are common, and I fear of little value to you. Such as I find this morning I will give.

1. In considering the appeal of foreign Missions to the youth of this Country, the first thing which occurs to me, is that the

work will pre-eminently devolve on the rising generation. The *present Agents* are mere hewers of wood and drawers of water to those who come after ym. We are exploring the countries, making dictionaries &c &c — preparing the way. The youth ought to feel that the work is *theirs*, and gird up their minds accordingly. They will need to send forth thousands of their number and sustain ym, in every department as preachers, teachers, Bible & tract distributors, printers, instructors in the arts necessary to civilized life &c &c. The whole rising generation of our country ought to regard this as their calling, their business, their privilege, a work which they can do, and ought to do.

2. Such being the fact, there is another point I wish to have urged vehemently; viz;- *that every youth should begin to think about his personal duty in this work when quite young*. 'Tis a treacherous policy in reference to the Cause of Missions to the heathen, which persuades our youth to dismiss all thoughts of their personal duty, till they have completed their education, or learnt their trades, or are ready to set up for themselves in the world. This delay of self-applying thought, decision, self dedication, is the grand reason why we can get no more men willing to go abroad for life. They get entangled in some net or other, before they have made up their minds, and then plead *necessity* for staying at home. Oh, Sir, we must have the youth *grow up* with with this work in view, and parents must be more willing, nay desirous of having their children engage in the work of Missions to the heathen.

3. I believe it has been the common opinion, that missions to the heathen have grown out of the revival of religion in the Xn. Chh. I do not take exactly that view. I refer them more to *Gods providence*. — the advancement of society, the extension of commerce the progress of geographical and other kindred knowledge, the multiplying of facilities of intercourse with the heathen world, and the increasing disposition and facility to form voluntary associations among protestant nations, and especially to the press. Missions have promoted revivals, and revivals have promoted missions. But the developements of Providence seem to me to have removed the bushel from over the candle, and nothing short of an influence which shall arrest the progress of society, will arrest ~~th progrest~~ the progress of Missions among the heathen nations. In past ages

the desire of gain in Christendom, which is now extending its influence every where by means of Commerce, was restricted by the Providential condition of the world, just as benevolence was, which is now spreading its influence by means of Xn missions. I believe that the influence of our religion will be felt every where, just as I believe that the influence of our commerce will be. Many of the same causes are urging both onward, & we have besides God's Spirit and grace. Now upon considerations like these, it appears to me you can make, an animating appeal to the young men of our land. How differently they are to be situated from their forefathers! What inducements not to be selfish, and to be public spirited, to live and act for the world! How much more their *time* will be worth, and their *talents* whatever they be, and their labours and their *money* and their *influence*! The principle of hoarding money, or of making large accumulations to acquire influence by means of the reputation of being wealthy, is out of date, and ought now to be exploded, and will soon stand forth in its naked proper selfishness &c &c. The scope for talent is greater in the work of missions, than in any other work under the sun.

4. The claims of youth and young men, in heathen countries upon the youth and young men in our country. Mr. Winslow says there are 10.000 young men in Calcutta, who are infidels, and infidels are supplying them with infidel books. Shall they be left without any religion? In the transition state from heathenism to Xianity, many will fall into infidelity, especially among the youth; but the more vigourously missions are prosecuted the smaller that number will be, and shorter the triumphs of Atheism. More or less knowledge of Xnty will doubtless reach the greater part of the world during the now rising generation. So that, that generation of youth now calls loudly upon our youth for the means of a complete spiritual emancipation. They call to our aged and middleaged, but especially to our *youth*. — 80.000.000 in China, 30 or 40 millions in India &c &c.

The grand object of the appeal to the youth as it strikes me should be (1.) to induce them as a body to aim at the publication of the gospel to the entire world in their day.

(2.) To get an intelligible idea of the nature of the work, and the manner in which it is to be done. (3.) To apply themselves vigorously to all parts of the work, carrying all on together. — they ought to educate themselves with expreſs reference to this work whether they labour at home or abroad. They ought to shape their habits for it.

At the close you might take an eloquent view of the probable effect in 30 Years should the youth of our land or even of our Churches make a buſineſs of this work.

I wish I could give you some facts to the purpose, but they do not occur to me, and I have not the time to look for them now. I earnestly hope you will make the proposed speech, &c on the subject you mention.

Your aid is much desired in our congregation, and I pray you come, agreeably to invitation from Mr. Winslow.

I am Revd & Dear Sir
Most Respectfully & truly Yours
R. Anderson

Rev Saml Munson
Batavia, Java.

Miſsionary Rooms Boston Apl. 18. 1834.

My Dear Sir I was much gratified by receiving a letter from you, some time since, and now embrace the first opportunity that has occurred to answer it. You will find the practice of medicine, as you become accustomed to it, leſs exciting than it was at first, causing you leſs of painful anxiety, and on the whole leſs of pleasurable emotion. It is well it should be so. Else there would be danger of its drawing off your ~~thoughts~~ in some degree from the greater objects of your miſsion. The most painful circumstance attending the practice is the neceſsity of so often seeing the best efforts for the relief of your patients fail of ~~relief~~ succeſs. This happens very often even when we have every opportunity to avail ourselves of all the means which the profeſsion can furnish: it must of course happen much more frequently, under the circumstances, in which you prescribe and with the claſs of person for whom your prescriptions are given. The comparison however with the means of recovery which they would poſseſs without your aid you may often hope to contribute greatly to their relief if not their recovery.

The great art of practicing safely and well is not to attempt too much. To prescribe prescribe intelligibly it is necessary to fix the mind upon the a distinct object to be accomplished and then to consider the best means of effecting that object. For example, your patient has pain in his head &c. you prescribe not for the head ache, as such, but by comparing symptoms, you form an opinion whether he has incipient inflammation of the brain, or deranged stomach & bowels, producing headache by sympathy. If the former you must judge whether the severity requires bleeding and cupping &c, or to trust first to cathartics. If you are careful, you always practice upon the supposition of the worst; that is, you take the course which will leave the least cause of regret in case you should prove mistaken.

As you become a little more familiar with diseases, you will feel less dependant upon the general system of practice. I have not recommended to Mr. Anderson any work of this sort because there is none that will quite suit your purpose. The practice of Cullen is in general very good and perhaps will be as good a guide as any. Copeland's Dictionary of practical Medicine is very valuable as far as published and I have recommended it for you. In surgery you will find Cooper's Surgical Dictionary an excellent directory to practice. I observe it in your list of books. I think it will nearly or quite supersede the use of a work on ulcers or on syphilis which you ask for and which I believe will be sent. I have recommended Bateman on Cutaneous diseases. Abercrombie on diseases of the head and the same on diseases of the Abdomen, and Laennec on the Chest. In selecting these works I have had in mind to prefer such as would admit easy reference as not to make a great demand upon your time and attention, and thus to withdraw them from the greater concerns which primarily occupy them. We ought not any more than yourself to forget that the cure of bodily diseases is but an instrument of obtaining access to the people so as to open an avenue to introduce the great remedy for moral disease. It will always give me pleasure to hear from you when you have any leisure from more important matters or when I can be useful to you or your Cause, and especially shall I rejoice if we may be permitted to hear that your labours are blessed to the salvation of any of the perishing multitudes around you.

Very Sincerely & truly Yours E. Hale p.

Rev. Wm. Torrey }
Buenos Ayres }

Missionary Rooms Boston Apl 18. 1834

My Dear Brother

Yours of Feb. 3d. to Mr. Hill has just been put into my hands. A vessel has cleared for Buenos ayres and I shall have time to write you a few lines.

Our Patagonian Mission was planned for the western coast and not at all for the eastern Coast, and to me it was a great disappointment when I learned on the eve of their departure, that they must go to the eastern Shore, or we must abandon the mission. The truth is, (as it would seem) we had been greatly misinformed on one point. Mr. Burrows, of New York city, who has kindly interested himself in the mission has a number of vessels engaged in the seal fishery, and he had the impression, and assured us that his vessels went up the western coast and could take our explorers to the best place of landing on that Coast. Capt. Morrell had published on the subject, strongly recommending a mission at a certain point on the west coast, and in conversation assured me, and also by letter, that Mr. Burrows's vessels rendezvoused on the west Coast a good way north of the straits. We also had Capt. Kings Chart of that Coast and his account of it in the journal of the English Royal Geographical Society. Indeed we never made more thorough inquiries, or had more convincing testimony as to the fact of vessels pursuing seals on the western Coast of Patagonia Such was also the opinion and declaration of the confidential man in Mr. Burrows commercial House. After all it proved, that the vessels had done running up the western coast and went among the Islands of Terra Del Fuego, and it was necessary to land our missionaries on the eastern Coast or not send them. This information was communicated by the master of the vessel which was to take them out. It was intelligence which we had no reason to expect and did not expect, and we certainly should not have planned a mission to pursue the track these brethren are now pursuing. However, as every thing was ready and their passage was gratuitous and they were inclined to proceed, we did not object, but bade them "God Speed", and they went. The result we must leave to that all wise providence, the indications of which we endeavoured to obey.

The instructions were drawn up with almost exclusive reference to the western coast and contained the following passage.—

"You have no political designs whatever and will every where deport yourselves as the subjects of a kingdom not of this world. Your whole object is to ascertain whether the gospel of salvation through Xt. Jesus can be preached to the degraded inhabitants of Patagonia".

Any thing you can do for these brethren, I am sure you will be happy to do. The design of our mission is neither political or commercial. We should be glad to know if nothing more can be done for the spiritual good of the savage inhabitants of Patagonia. If it can be done, and we can do it, we shall be glad to attempt so benevolent an enterprize. If not we turn to other less inhospitable parts of the world.

I send you the numbers of the Missionary Herald not already sent, and some other pamphlets.

Please communicate any interesting intelligence and believe me Very Respc. Truly Yours

R. Anderson, Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Rev. Messrs Munson & Lyman }
Batavia &c. Jaffna }

Missionary Rooms Boston April 23. 1834

Dear Brethren

Yours of Oct. 1st & 15th by the Walter and of Nov. 14th by the Florence, have been received. The letter for Dr. Hale was sent to him, and an answer from him with the books he has ~~giv~~ recommended given the . Raffles map of Java which you accidentally left behind, was sent sometime ago but I do not recollect by what vessel. We send you a copy of

Dr Morrisons Dictionary, which we had imported for the Library of the Board, bound in Russia leather. Is that binding an effectual defence against the worm? The Malay Dictionary & Grammar had disappeared from the "Bookstore" in Cornhill but I shall be able to procure from Dr Jenks a Malay Dic.y & Gram.r of some kind to send by this opportunity We send also Miss.y Herald for 1833 etc. Faber's Diff.s of Inf.y Persian Con.o Life of Gordon Hall etc. etc. Mr. Hill will see to the sending of apparel etc. etc. We will attend to Mr. Lymans suggestion with regard to his matrasses & pillows. Mr. Chapman has had the benefit of your suggestions for him, but I ought to say in justice to Mr. Chapman that we should have no expectation of finding a man who would do his business more faithfully and better than he does. After the best endeavours there will be rum casks, rotten thread, or something else, sometimes as ought not to be. It is well, however to mention these things. I believe Mr. Chapman was rather amused by the fact, that, about the time your letter arrived, there came one from another company of Missionaries, in which it was intimated, that perhaps more attention had been paid to their comfort on the voyage, than was becoming to the successors to the Apostles. So it happened in their case, but it is rare to find a ship in which a long voyage will not detect some pretty serious inconveniences.

Your suggestions with respect to the cost of necessary articles in Batavia etc. are valuable. We supposed your expences would be considerable. I hope the list of outfit you promise me will arrive before the summer, as we shall probably need it by that time or before.

Miss White, engaged to Mr Tracy, will probably embark with Dr. & Mrs Bradley, (destined to Siam) who may leave the country as soon as may be after the present month. Mr. Tracy has proposed his own removal to Singapore, and it is authorized by the Committee in case his brother at Canton and Dr Morrison approve of such a step. He wishes Miss White to find a home in your family, if possible until his arrival. I shall write him by the . and also by the Morrison which sails in May.

The course you propose for your researches, and the arrangement you have made for acquiring the Malay & Chinese simultaneously are very satisfactory. The latter part of your instructions as they went out of my hands or rather of my amanuensis was little more than memorandums. I saw them no more till your departure, (If I remember Correctly) and have since found that the route for your travels was not amplified and remodeled so as to leave you almost wholly to your own discretion as to the order of your travels, after your visit to Mus. Take the best advice you can get & only find out if possible to which of the fields the inviting call is most urgent and be able to assign convincing reasons for your opinion, and give us the information concerning the various countries you visit (if possible) which were yourselves so anxious to obtain before leaving this country.

We sympathise with Mrs. Lyman and with you all, in the serious illness to which Divine Providence has been pleased to subject them, and mentioned the fact in our Bowdoin St Monthly Concert, that prayer might be offered by the Chh. of God, in her behalf We cannot but hope that the blessing of God on a favourable Climate, and skillful treatment will lead, or rather has led to her complete recovery. To us much seems to depend on your lives and health, but the All wise head of the Church knows best. Dr. Porter of Andover died of consumption two or three weeks since. Our Country is again blessed with revivals of religion. May they soon extend into all lands.

Praying the Lord to accompany you as he did Paul in all your journeyings by land and voyages by sea, and to bless your partners both in your presence & absence I am very affectionally

Truly Yours R. Anderson

P. S. I fear that the Florence thro some mismanagement at the Custom house has carried your box to Europe. It may yet be found there I could not be taken by us from the vessel before she sailed.
You ask if it would not be proper to charge the Board with your expences incurred in attending meetings on Ship Board. Undoubtedly the Board may be properly be charged with all your necessary expences incurred in the regular prosecution of your duty as missionaries of the Cross of Christ.

Rev. Messrs Robinson & Johnson; Siam } Missionary Rooms Boston Apl 23 1834

Dear Brethren:— The joint letter of yourselves and your companions on the voyage dated Batavia Octr 1st. was received in February. Since that time we have heard, through Messrs Munson and Lyman of your arrival at Singapore in October. We bless God for your safe progress thus far and pray you may prosperously enter the field to which you were destined.

We expect Dr. Dan. B. Bradley and wife to embark for your Mission as soon as may be after the present month. You probably know him: I think he has been manifestly improving in character and qualifications for missionary usefulness for the year past.

Should the way be opened for printing at Bankok (which is perhaps, scarcely probable at present) you will of course give us reasonable notice. But it is probable such an establishment will not be necessary in Siam for a good while to come, in case we have a large printing establishment at Singapore which is nearly certain.

It would not be strange if the Govt. of Siam should interpose serious obstacles to your labours. Do not be disheartened by them, nor be easily turned out of your way. They may be designed only to try your faith & patience

We send you various pamphlets, letters etc. etc. from which you will derive much interesting information of a general nature. The Lord is once more blessing our country with revivals of religion. We are all pretty well and very much driven, as usual, with business. There is no want of Openings among the heathen. The Lord raise up holy men in far greater numbers to go forth in all directions.

Desiring affec regards to your partners, I am dear Brethren

Most truly Yours — R. Anderson Secy

Rev. G. Gogerly, Calcutta } Missionary Rooms Boston Apl 28. 1834
My Dear Sir }

As a small acknowledgment of the grateful sense ~~we~~ entertain of the kindness which Mr. & Mrs Sampson received from yourself and Mrs. Gogerly, while in Calcutta I send you four or five vols of American production which perhaps you may be pleased to see. They are Messrs Smith & Dwights Researches in Armenia, Memoir of Gordon Hall and the Poems of Dana & Bryant. To the great Head of the Church we must refer you for a reward of your kindness to his servants, but I assure you. Dear Sir we shall not fail to remember it with gratitude.

I ought perhaps, to add in justification of ourselves in permitting Mr. & Mrs Sampson to go to Calcutta in her circumstances, that we did not know it, neither did they, till the passage was engaged; indeed we knew nothing of it till they had to come to Boston to embark.

I am, My Dear Sir very Affy. Yours
R Anderson Sec. ABCFM

P. S. The parcel of Books is addressed to yourself and goes in the Jessore.

Rev. W. H. Pearce, Calcutta } Missionary Rooms Boston April 28. 34
My Dear Sir }

As a small acknowledgment of our grateful sense of your kindness towards our Missionaries in India. I have taken the liberty to send you four or five vols. of American production which perhaps you may be pleased to see. They are Smith & Dwights Researches in Armenia, Memoir of Gordon Hall & Dana & Bryants Poems. They go in the Jessore. If there is any thing we can do for you we shall gladly receive & execute your Commands.

The Missionary Herald goes under Cover to Messrs Mac Kintosh & Co. as usual.

I am Revd & Dear Sir
very Respectfully & truly Yours
R. Anderson
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

2 Rev. G. H. Hough. Cala. } Missionary Rooms Boston Apl. 28. 1834

My Dear Sir

We regularly and very gladly receive The Philanthropist; and I have seen that the Herald be forwarded to you with the right address. It goes under cover to Messrs Mac Kintosh & Co in the Depot from Jany. to the present time with a Copy of our last report.

I will thank you to send the Philanthropist to me, rather than to the publishers of the missionary Herald. Address to Rev. R Anderson, Missionary Rooms, Cornhill, Boston, U.S.A.

I am Dear Sir very respectfully & truly yours

R Anderson, Sec A.B.C.F.M.

American Missionaries in Jaffna Ceylon } Missionary Rooms Boston Apl. 28. 34

Dear Brethren

Mr. Winslow arrived at Philadelphia safely with the children on the 25 ult., we have since had repeated and very satisfactory interviews with him in respect to the mission and are more than ever encouraged to hope concerning its ultimate success. He writes by this opportunity, and no doubt gives you many interesting facts, concerning his own reception by the good people of this Country, and that of the beloved children. I confess that when we were corresponding on the subject of your childrens return, some five or six years ago, I did not dare to hope for so favorable a result. The Lord grant that they may never want for kind friends and judicious guardians.

The letters received from your mission and not yet acknowledged are the following; viz:—

Joint letter, dated Sept. 4th. 1833.

" " from the new missionaries Dated Novr. 25.

" " " " " dated Madras Roads Oct. 12th.

Letters from Mr. Meigs dated July 23d. & Nov. 30. 1833.

Journal of do from Jany. 1st. to July 12th. 1833.

Journal of Mr. Poor (with the accompanying letters) for Dec. 1832. Jany. to May 1833. and from June to Sept. 1833.

Mr. Spauldings, letters dated March 31st. Apl. 26. Aug. Sept. 26.

1833. Letter of Dec. 20. recd.
Doct. Scudder, Date quarter ending June 30th. 1833. Nov. 2. Oct. 1833.
Mr. Woodward, date Sept. 10 1833.
Mr. Todd date July 19th 1833.
Dr. Ward (4. Mr. Green) date Nov. 29th 1833
Mr. Hoisington Nov 25th 1833.
Mr. Apthorp Nov 25th 1833.
Mr. Eckard Nov 30th. Dec. 4th. & Dec 22d. 1833.
Niles' Journal for Apl and May 1832
Triennial Report of the Seminary.

I hope to reply to a number of these letters by letters addreſsed to the the writers individually.

Since Mr Winslow's return we have endeavoured to fix upon some permanent scale of Miſsionary labours for Jaffna; and the following resolutions, recently adopted by the Committee are the result viz.

"Resolved, That the Committee approve of the enlargement of the miſsion in the district of Jaffna by the addition of three new stations, to be formed at Chavachery, Varany and Valootty, or in any others of the unoccupied parishes as shall be thought most eligible by the miſsion.

Resolved — That it is expedient that the number of ordained miſsionaries employed in the district of Jaffna for the present be eight, in addition to two other instructors required for the Seminary at Batticotta, and a printer to take charge of the printing establishments.

Resolved, That the miſsion in Jaffna be authorized to incur expence for native agency at each of the Stations as soon as it shall be deemed proper, to the amount which would be required for the salary of one native preacher, two catechists, five readers and twenty school masters; or to make the whole expence of native Agency in the miſsion (exclusive of the Seminary at Batticotta) average that sum upon each Station.

Resolved, That the primary and chief design of the Seminary at Batticotta be, to raise up competent native aſsistants in the several departments of miſsionary labour, among the Tamul people both on the Island of Ceylon and the neighbouring Continent.

and as far as possible supersede the necessity of missionaries from abroad; that the course of study, including the preparatory, Collegiate and professional stages of education embrace ten years. That the qualifications for membership be such as to secure the most promising talent & character among the students which may be obtained for that purpose the mission; and that the institution be presented before the Churches of this country as a worthy object of patronage; it being understood that all donations made expressly for the Seminary shall be faithfully applied.

Resolved, That the mission be authorized to increase the number of pupils in the seminary to three hundred, as soon as that number of native youth of sufficient promise can be obtained, and the interests of the mission require such an increase; it being understood that this number will include all the pupils in the preparatory, Collegiate & professional stages of education, and all the boys who are connected with the mission as boarding schollars.

Resolved, That the number of pupils in the female Boarding School be increased to one hundred whenever the mission deems such an increase to be expedient and proper."

The Treasurer of the Board is authorized to remit to your treasurer, fifteen hundred pounds sterling, to be applied so far as shall be proper to the following purposes and in the following proportions;

1. A sum not exceeding one thousand dollars (in addition to the one thousand remitted in July last) to finish Ottley Hall; — and we hope it will be finished as soon as may be and a well drawn view of it, as it is to be sent home to us for publication.

2. A sum not exceeding five hundred dollars to be expended in erecting additional dormitories for the Students of the Seminary; — the cost of the whole number needed for 300 pupils, (in addition to those already erected) being estimated at 1,000 dollars. The remaining 500 dollars to be furnished when needed.

3. A sum not exceeding five hundred dollars (in addition to the 1,500 dolls remitted for the same purpose in July last) to be expended in finishing the Church at Batticotta.

4. A sum not exceeding four thousand dollars to be expended in rebuilding the Church at Tillapally recently consumed by fire, and in tiling the Churches of the other three Stations

5. The sum of five hundred dollars (in addition to the 500 pounds Sterling remitted in the Dorne for the same purpose) to be expended in buildings at the proposed new stations.

You perceive that the object of the Committee is to place you in circumstances, so far as human agency can do it, for completing your work in Jaffna as soon as possible. May the Lord grant ~~you~~ his grace, that both you and he may not labor in vain. As we are only following Providence in this thing, and attempting to do only our most manifest duty, I cannot doubt but we shall be able to obtain the requisite funds. A permanent fund for your Seminary is out of the question: the Xn public would not hearken to it a moment. The expences, whatever they be, must be met from year to year, and may be met so long as the institution retains its present decidedly missionary character.

The Committee have learned that some doubts exist among the members of your mission relative to the nature of the arrangement made with the Reformed Dutch Church at the 22d annual meeting of the Board. As I drew up that minute, I may be supposed to know the meaning of it; which indeed, if the document be attentively read is explicit enough. But to leave no room for doubt, I brot. the case before the prudential Committee for their judgment upon it which was embodied in the following resolution; viz:

"Resolved, That the arrangement then made, was not designed to affect in any manner, the relations of the missionaries of the Board to this Committee; and that in respect to the mission in Ceylon, it was not intended to make any change in the internal condition of that mission, nor in the relations and responsibilities of any of its members."

The mission in Jaffna is one, however numerous, and wherever in the district, its stations may be. It is expected, however that Mr. Abeel and some associates, (should God be pleased to restore the health of Mr. Abeel) will form a separate mission somewhere in the eastern Archipelago with an ecclesiastical organization according to the formularies of the Refd. D. Church but even that mission, if formed on the principle agreed upon by the meeting in New York in 1832, will be as completely under the direction of the Committee, as in your own mission in Jaffna. Its ecclesiastical character will be conformed to the Dutch Standards, and we hope it will be supported by the Refor.d Dutch Chh: but it will be a mission of the A.B.C.F.M. and completely under the direction of the Prudential Committee.

But I have other resolutions to communicate, of an interesting and important character. The first needs no explanation.

"Whereas Providence indicates that the time has come, when the proposed mission among the Tamul people on the Coromandel Coast should be commenced:—

"Resolved, That the mission in Ceylon be instructed to send two of their own number to the coast opposite to Jaffna for the purpose of commencing a mission".

The part of the coast which the Committee had especially in view is that between Point Calimere & Adam's Bridge; and that being nearest to Jaffna and at present unoccupied by other missionaries.

There is every prospect that the grants of the Bible & Tract Societies for the printing of the Scriptures and religious tracts in Tamul will soon be large. That fact in connection with the communications from Mr. Smith of Madras and the statements of Mr. Winslow in relation to Southern India as a field for missions, led to the following resolutions, which will explain themselves: viz.

Whereas:— It is of importance to facilitate the printing of Bibles and tracts for the benefit of the Tamul people in Southern India, and whereas Jaffna is comparatively difficult of access from this Country on account of its insular position, while Madras is conveniently situated for the operations of printing establishments:—

Resolved;— That while it is expedient to maintain a printing establishment in Jaffna for the immediate use of the mission in that mission, in that district; it is proper, should Providence permit, that another establishment be placed in Madras.

Resolved.— That such an establishment be made at Madras on the return of Mr. Winslow to India, and placed under the superintendance of himself or one of the other older brethren from the Ceylon Miſsion, in connection with a new miſsionary, and a miſsionary printer to be sent for the purpose from this country.

Any suggestions, which you may deem proper in relation to this proposed miſsion in Southern India, will be gladly received by the Committee, and will, I trust, be made without delay.

Mr. Smith of Madras recommends our commencing a miſsion among the Teloogoos; but to this our Committee are disinclined, preferring to confine our operations for the present circumstances so far as India is concerning in great measure to the millions speaking the Tamul & Mahratta languages.

I learn from Mr. Winslow that you imported electrical apparatus from England. To prevent the repetition of such expensive miſtakes on our part be so good as to send a complete catalogue of the various apparatus in the Seminary.

There is a great reverse of busineſs in our land and it will of course be more difficult to raise funds than it has been for a year or two past. We have confidence that all your expenditures will be strictly economical, but I pray you let there be no retroceſsion in your work, without the strongest reasons. Trusting in God we must go forward. If Cholera breaks up schools, that must be submiſsively referred to the Providence of God. But I trust we shall be enabled, extraordinaries excepted, to provide the means for sustaining the miſsion on the scale given in the preceding resolutions. But to know what providence, and remittances should be made, we shall need accurate information as to the rate of your progreſs in filling up the plans. Dear Brethren let me exhort you to let that delightful spirit of brotherly love and mutual confidence continue, for which your miſsion has ever been so remarkable. Pray also for us, that all needed grace may be given us. I must close with aſsurances of respect and affection

R. Anderson Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Rev. Hiram Bingham } Missionary Rooms Boston May 7. 1834
Honolulu. Sand Isl.s }

My Dear Brother

As it is highly probable the Rapelas will go to the Sandwich Islands, I send a few lines by him.

We expect a vessel to leave here some time in the summer, and that she will take out Mr. Henry Dimond of New York City, bookbinder, and wife; a married printer; Miss Elizabeth M. Hitchcock, sister of Mr. Hitchcock; and Miss Lydia Brown, a single woman of sterling character and past meddling age who has been selected to teach domestic manufactures, and will take out a quantity of looms, wheels, &c. for that purpose. Miss Brown is from Greenfield, N.H. What additions will be made to this Company, and whither any is, yet uncertain.

I have received your letters of May 7th. June 1st., Aug. 6th. Oct. 8th., Oct. 9th. (two letters) Oct. 15th. & Oct. 16th. A copy of the printed minutes of your last annual meeting has also come to hand; and letters from other members of the Mission, but probably not all that have been sent from the Islands. I hope to acknowledge them by the first vessel, which goes direct.

The letter from your Committee to Mr Ellis, on the subject of the Washington Islands Mission has been forwarded with information, that the Prudential Committee, approve of the alternative proposed in that letter, of resigning the whole Marquesian group to that Society, or occupying the whole. We have not yet been able to find any vessel certainly going to the Washington Islands, tho' Mr. Hill has been to N. London & Nantucket for that purpose. We sent some things in a vessel from New London, which may possibly reach our brethren.

We are all pretty well, and general prosperity attends the Cause. Our land is again blest with revivals of religion.

Desiring our affectionate Remembrance to Mrs. Bingham &. and all your associates in labour

I am most truly Yours

R. Anderson Sec. of the
A.B.C.F.M.

Rev. Ira Tracy. }
Canton China }

Missionary Rooms Boston May 8. 1834

My Dear brother

Understanding that a vessel is about sailing from New York for Canton, I send you a copy of a resolution lately adopted by the Prudential Committee, after hearing your letter of the 14 Dec.. It was as follows: —

"Resolved —, That the Rev Ira Tracy, missionary of the Board now at Canton, in China, be authorized to remove to Singapore, whenever his doing so shall be approved by his associates at Canton, and the Rev. Dr. Morrison."

In view of your probable removal to that place, and of your wishes on the subject expressed in your letter, Miss White is expected to accompany Dr. & Mrs. Bradley to Batavia, should her health continue good. The probable time for their embarkation is June. I hope to see her in Brookfield tomorrow, and will write you fully (D.V.) by the Morrison, which is to sail in two or three weeks.

Tell Mr. Bridgman that his letters for the Bible & tracts Societies were received to day, — a day or two too late for the annual meetings of these societies. They go on immediately and may be used in their annual Reports.

Being on the point of leaving town, I can add no more, except my desire to be affectionately remembered to Mr Bridgman Mr Stephens and Mr Williams, and my assurances of

Affection & Esteem

R. Anderson Sec. &c. &c.

Rev. Cyrus Stone }
Bombay }

M Rooms Boston May 19 1834

My Dear Brother

I am rather the worse for wear just now, as the brethren by the Corvo will inform you, and can write you but a few lines. Must refer you to the Instructions of the reinforcement for some suggestions with regard to the mission.

I have rec^d. your affecting letter of the 6th of Sept. which has been published as you will see — yours of Sept. 17th — Sept. 20th, & Jany. 9th. —

In your great afflictions we tenderly sympathize. The loſs of such a partner is the greatest of earthly loſses. I cannot but give thanks to God for the dying scene of your dear wife. All her feelings & views strike me as eminently becoming the miſsionary of the croſs of Christ. I wept repeatedly while reading the account – both in MS & proof. —

Your children have arrived safely at N. York. Brother Wisner has seen them, & was much interested in their appearance. Mr. Whittlesey's school at Utica is diſsolved; of course they cannot go there. We shall take an interest in seeing them taken care of; nor will you suffer, nor they, as I believe in consequence of your remaining at Bombay. Your Brother, the Doctor from Topsfield, has this morning written you a letter at my table, & will say what he will do for them.

I am sorry that I cannot give you the views of the Prud. Com. relative to the enlargement of the printing establishment for English printing; but they have been so overloaded with busineſs of late, that this could not be brought to a result.

We wish you all to be exceedingly courageous with respect to the Mahratta miſsion. The Lord be with you. My wife desires her sympathies & kind regards. —

Most truly Yours

R. Anderson

Rev. Wm Ramsey
Secy. of Mahratta miſsion } Mi. Rooms. Boston May 19 1834

My Dear Sir

I have a bad cold, & am suffering in consequence of long confinement & labor, so that I can write you only a few lines. For some suggestions respecting your miſsion, I refer you to the Instructions given to the new brethren.

I have recd. your letters of Augt. 25, Sept 17, Sept. 19, & Oct. 18, & your journals of Jany. to May, & June & July; also joint letter of Sept. 2d. The letter to the Bible Society was also received in season for their annual report, & immediately forwarded.

We rejoice that you have determined to suffer no unnecessary delay in printing the Scriptures. If the Bible Society cannot print fast enough, they will no doubt cheerfully consent that the mission should assist them in so good a work. It will be important, however, that a good understanding be preserved.

In respect to Mr. Bell, the Commee would not think it best for them, or for the Board, to do anything directly. I think, however, that they would be glad to have the mission employ him, in case the members are united in the opinion that he could be profitably employed, & in that manner which promises the greatest amount of good. You will perceive by the Instructions to the new missionaries, as well as by resolutions forwarded some time ago that the Commee wish the High school for the mission to be in the interior. On this whole subject, however, we hope soon to have the views of the mission, in reply to the Circular sent sometime ago.

I trust that as the acquaintance of the mission with the climate increases, you will be better able, through God's blessing, to preserve your health. Repeated excursions to the Hills are preferable to one voyage home.— Possibly when several stations have been formed of different altitudes, a change from one to the other occasionally may be refreshing & useful. We hope & expect to prosecute our Mahratta mission with greater energy than ever. We were never farther from being discouraged.

I regret that I must write you so briefly & in such haste. My kind regards to Mrs. Ramsey, whose health, as well as your own, I trust has been restored.

Most truly Yours

R Anderson

Rev. D O Allen } M Rooms Boston May 19 1834
Bombay } My Dear Brother

We rejoiced to hear of your agreeable passage, of your pleasant & profitable visit to Ceylon, & of your safe arrival at Bombay. The last fact we learn from a letter of Miss Farrar.

Your letter from Batticotta of Nov 25 was received on the 17th of March. Your requests will be complied with. I doubt whether Dr Wisner has received the communication you addressed to him. He is now absent. I hope it will be received, as the subject is one of great importance, & the results of experience are more valuable than any others.

In the lay brethren who now go out, you will find valuable coadjutors, no doubt, in your present peculiar work. I trust you will remember our present ignorance of the country of the Mahrattas, as well as of the people. I know not yet how much Grant Duff will tell us, but the physical nature of the country is not very satisfactorily described in any work I have yet seen. These subjects are indeed among the least important, but it is only by comparison they are unimportant; & in their connection with the more important things, and in their bearings upon them, they acquire no small consequence.

I am too unwell just now to write more — have been too much confined. We remember you with affection, & I am most truly Yours

R. Anderson

Rev Hollis Read
Ahmednuggur

Missionary Rooms Boston
May 29. 1834

My Dear Brother

We have rec^d the following letters from you; viz, dated July 16. Aug. 28. Nov. 5th. Dec 7. 1833. And certificate of Physician respecting Mrs. Reads health. also a joint letter from yourself and Mr. Boggs, without date.

The strong intimations from yourself and Mr Ramsey, that the greater part of the members of the mission might find it necessary to return home on account of health within a couple of years were remarkably discouraging. Considering the consequences of a general nature, which would be involved in the return of so many, and the virtual abandonment of the mission, it raised a very serious inquiry in all our minds, whether it would be right in the sight of God. On that subject, however, the Committee took no order; but on the question, whether the Committee were prepared to relinquish the mission in any probable event, they decided unanimously in the negative. The resolutions will be enclosed to Mr Ramsey, Secy. of the Mission.

We have since been greatly rejoiced to hear that Mrs Reads health has been so much improved, that her return to this country will not probably be necessary. In this I have no doubt that both she and you will rejoice more heartily than we do. May you both have grace to discern the will of God, and may he be pleased to give you both many years of hard missionary service. for I hold it to be a privilege to be allowed to labour hard for Christ.

You have sent me journals repeatedly with a request that they may be sent to your friends, after having been perused at the Rooms. Your friends are so anxious to receive them that we are subject to inconvenience, and I beg you will hereafter make out your journal which you design for our reading, expressly and solely for the Rooms. Your private journals and letters I shall be happy to forward immediately on their reception.

Your memoir of Babajee, I am anxious to receive. It gave me pleasure to hear that you were no more responsible for the publication which occasioned the late prosecution for a libel. American missionaries in India are not the persons to undertake the reformation of English manners in India, at least by daring measures. Our business is with the natives.

Desiring affect remembrance to Mrs Read

I am most truly Yours

R Anderson Secy

Rev. G. W. Boggs }
Ahmednuggur }

Missionary Rooms Boston, May 20 1834

My Dear Brother

I designed to have written you more at length than I shall be able to do, I am worn down with labour.

Our previous Correspondence, and the instructions given to the reinforcement by the Corvo, will show that the Committee expect the seminary for native helpers to be somewhere in the interior; the place to be determined by the Mission. We trust a wise discretion will be used, in whatever relates to this institution.

We have sent out a considerable number of books, labelled "Mahratta Mission." Most of them were designed for the interior but they were placed at the disposal of the mission.

The following periodicals are regularly sent out for 'Nuggur.

American Quarterly Observer.
American Quarterly Register
North American Review
Biblical Repository
Silliman's Journal of Science
Boston Recorder
New York Observer
American Almanack.

Mr Graves and Mr Winslow represent the difficulty of keeping Books from the worms as so great in India that it seems hardly worth while to send more than are absolutely necessary. Indeed Mr Winslow says that is the opinion of Missionaries generally, after they have been sometime on the ground. We shall, however, be disposed to send books with a liberal hand, provided they

they are necessary.

We sympathize with you and Mr Read in the trials you experience at Ahmednuggur. Perhaps the result of experience will lead you to subject the natives to longer trial before admitting them to the fellowship of the church.

In your journeys give us such accounts of the Country as you did of your journey from Bombay to Ahmednuggur.

Desiring affc regards to Mrs Boggs. I am most truly Yours. The Lord Jesus be with your Spirit.

R Anderson Secy

Mr W. C. Sampson }
Bombay }

Missionary Rooms Boston
May 20 1834.

My Dear Sir,

I can only acknowledge your letters, and express my satisfaction in hearing of the safe arrival of yourself and Mrs S. at the place of labour you have contemplated so long. The dates of your letters are as follows: July 18th Sept 10th. 1833. and Jany. 20. 1834.

We have gratefully acknowledged the kindness you experienced from Mr. Gogerly at Calcutta, also from Mr. Pierce.

Mrs. Anderson wishes her affectionate remembrance to Mrs Sampson. May the Gracious and Good Lord be with you both evermore.

Most truly Yours

R Anderson. Secy.

Rev. William Ramsey }
Secy. Mahrattas Mission }

Missionary Rooms Boston
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Dear Brother,

The foregoing resolutions of the Committee were adopted, after hearing letters from Mr Read, I believe also from yourself read, in which it was implied that a considerable proportion of the Missionaries might soon find it necessary to return to this country in consequence of ill health. Mr Read stated that it would not be strange, if the greater part were to be on their way within two years. These facts I thought it best to lay before the Committee, and to ask whether in any probable circumstances they would think it a duty to relinquish the mission. I am happy to give you the result and am as ever most truly Yours, R Anderson

Dr Hall, Governor of the Maryland Colony, Cape Palmas, West Africa } M Rooms Boston Maſs US A. May 26 1834.

My Dear Sir

You may remember that I was introduced to you by Mr. Latrobe, at Baltimore, last Fall, a few days after your arrival there, to prepare for your voyage to Africa. Mr Wilson & Mr. Wynkoop returned in safety about a month since. Mr Wilson had the fever slightly, after leaving the coast on his homeward voyage, but recovered before reaching the United States. We were all highly gratified with their report of your succeſs, in getting additional colonists at Liberia, purchasing territory at Cape Palmas, commencing your good work &c. &c. & with their account of the prospects in regard to miſsionary operations in connexion with your colony, & along the coast. Our Comee voted thanks to the Maryland Society, & to yourself, for the facilities & aid furnished our miſsionaries in prosecuting their exploring & preparatory work; also to establish a miſsion at Cape Palmas to consist of two white miſsionaries, & their wives, & three male & three female colored teachers; also to accept your proposal to aſsume the responsibility of your engagement to establish schools in each of the native towns within your territory. Mr Wilson, with an aſsociate & the colored teachers, will go out this fall, and schools will be commenced in all the 3 villages as soon as poſsible. I trust the territory will prove healthy, at least more so than that of Liberia; & that the colonization & miſsionary enterprise to be connected with the settlement you have so auspiciously begun, will be crowned with the divine bleſsing, and attended with great succeſs. —

Mr. Wilson wished bricks prepared and sent out to build at least one chimney to the house erecting for him. Having learned from Mr. Latrobe that the Society will despatch a vessel from Baltimore, early in June to Cape Palmas, with supplies, Mr. Hill, our treasurer, has today written to Mr. Latrobe, requesting him to get some one, perhaps the person who superintended the preparation of Mr. Wilson's house in Baltimore to procure & ship and pay the freight of the bricks, & draw on him for the amount. Mr. Wilson expected the person whom he left with the charge of erecting his house at Cape Palmas, to receive the bricks on their arrival, secure them carefully from the weather, & see that a good chimney, with convenient fire place &c. is erected. Will you be so good as to have an eye to these things, that they are well attended to? You will thus confer an additional favor on us & on Mr. Wilson, & further aid the important work in which he is to be engaged.

Mr. Anderson, the Secretary, entrusted with the foreign correspondence of our Board is prevented from attending to his duties at present by sickness, which is the occasion of my addressing to you in great haste this letter.

Very Respy Yours
B B Wisner

Rev. Ira Tracy
American Miss'y. to China } M Rooms Boston May 28 1834

My Dear Brother

I write to you in consequence of indisposition of Mr. Anderson, preventing his attending to business at present; & I do it under exceeding great pressure of business. This letter will go by the Rev. Peter Parker, who goes from N. York, in the Morrison, to reinforce the China mission. Others will follow in the course of the coming year.

My chief object in this letter is to communicate to you the following resolutions of the Prudential Com^{ee}.

At a meeting held April 18 1834 it was "Resolved that the Rev. Ira Tracy, missionary of the Board now at Canton in China, be authorised to remove to Singapore, whenever his doing so shall be approved by his associates at Canton & the Rev. Dr Morrison."

At a meeting held Feby. 4 1834 "Various documents were read furnishing evidence that Miss Adeline White of Brookfield, Mass. who was some time since appointed an assistant missionary of the Board to be married to the Rev. Ira Tracy, who has gone as a missionary of the Board to China, & whom Miss White was prevented from accompanying by ill health, has now recovered: Whereupon, Resolved that, provided the health of Miss White shall continue good, the first suitable opportunity be improved to send her to China as an assistant missionary of the Board." — Miss White's health has continued good; & she will go out with Dr. & Mrs Bradley, going to join the Siam mission, who are expected to sail to Batavia in the early part of July. The reasons of her being sent with them rather than in the Morrison are 1 — There is now no prospect of any married lady going in the Morrison. 2 You will probably have gone to Singapore before the Morrison arrives & it will be more convenient for Miss White to go to Singapore from Batavia than from Macao; & Dr & Mrs. Bradley will, doubtless, go from Batavia to Singapore on their way to Bankok, & can thus be escort to Miss White till she meets you at the place of your future residence. We trust you will be satisfied with this arrangement.

At a meeting of the Com^{ee} held May 16 1834

"Letters having been read communicating the views of the missionaries at Batavia & Canton on the subject of making Singapore a central point for the present, in the missionary operations of the Board in Southeastern Asia & the Indian Archipelago; Resolved, that a printing establishment be sent to Singapore, as soon as a first rate printer, acquainted with the business of stereotyping, can be sent with it."

I write by the same conveyance to Messrs. Bridgman & Williams communicating to them some interesting results in relation to stereotyping Chinese, done here, & printing from the plates in the Chinese form, which if you are at Canton when the Morrison arrives you will see, & I will request them to communicate to you if you are not there.

Your friends in this country are well as far as known to me —

Affy Yours

B B Wisner

Mess Bridgman & Williams
Amn. Missionaries at
Canton, China —

Mi. Rooms Boston May 28 1834

Dear Brethren

I write to you in consequence of indisposition of Mr. Anderson, preventing his doing business at present; & I write under a very great pressure of business. Mr. Bridgman's letter of Jan 24 1834 with the bound vol. of the Repository & a pamphlet, were received on the 24th inst. We have also a letter from Gutzlaff, dated "Canton Province, Tis 30 Nov. 24th. 1833," which I shall answer by this opportunity.

The blocks containing Christ's sermon on the mount, in Chinese, were received safely, by the Morrison in April last. From these we have had cast, in Boston, two sets of stereotype plates, which were blocked & put in condition for printing like any other stereotype plates; & an edition of the tract, of 200 copies has been printed, by Crocker & Brewster of this city, on the Chinese paper you sent us, and done up in the Chinese form. The whole proceeding appears to have been crowned with complete success. We send you herewith one of the sets of the stereotype plates, & 100 copies of the tract printed from them done up in the Chinese form, here. The American Tract Society at New York have also had a page of Chinese (whether of the same tract or not I dont know) stereotyped, & had a number of impressions struck off from it, on common paper, of which they will, doubtless, send you some. In a letter to Mr Anderson, dated May 22 1834, their Secretary makes some statements & remarks about their experiment, which I will transcribe for your *consideration*. "The wood of the block is *very soft*: the plate would be better if it were harder. The blocks receiv'd are a good deal *sprung*, so that it has cost considerable trouble in screwing them to some thing solid, to make the surface exactly level. They are not so high as type, which also occasions some inconvenience. If the Chinese engraver would take wood a little harder, & make it exactly the height of type, & let it be stereotyped before it warps, or preserve it from warping, and not cut under the face of his characters, (which now causes the metal to adhere a little to the wood) we see not why plates may not be taken from their blocks. And if the Chinese printer would prepare his blocks directly to be made up into printers' form, I do not see why 12 pages might not be printed at one stroke of the press from the blocks, as well as from the stereotype plates,— some means being adopted to hold them down in their place." I showed the above extract to Mr. Crocker, who says it would be well to have the wood harder, & the blocks as high as type, & care taken that the characters be not cut under.—

You will see that a fair & full experiment is made with the plates herewith sent you; and fairly & fully communicate to us the results, & that as soon as may be. Our impressions are favorable & strong in reference to the happy consequences likely to result from this method of printing in Chinese.

The Comm^{ee} resolved on the 18th of April last "that Mr. Tracy be authorised to remove to Singapore, whenever his doing so shall be approved by his associates at Canton & the Rev. Dr. Morrison." Miss White whose health has for some time seemed to be restored, will go out to Batavia, we expect about the 1st of July, in company with Dr. & Mrs Bradley, going to the Siam mission. If Mr. Tracy has left Canton when you receive this letter, please communicate to him the facts stated above in relation to stereotyping Chinese. At a meeting of the Comm^{ee} held May 16 1834, "Letters having been read communicating the views of the missionaries at Batavia & Canton on the subject of making Singapore a central point, for the present, in the missionary operations of the Board in Southeastern Asia & the Indian Archipelago; Resolved that a printing establishment be sent to Singapore, as soon as a first rate printer, acquainted with the business of stereotyping, can be sent with it."

With this letter we send you another

coadjutor in the great & good work of evangelizing China – the Rev. Peter Parker, who in addition to a regular course of collegiate and theological study, has attended full courses of medical lectures & graduated M.D. I trust you will find him an agreeable and useful helper. He will tell you about the prospects of more helpers to follow him, & the general state of things in this country as to the missionary cause.

May the grace of God be given you to sustain you in all your privations & labors & crown your efforts with great success.

Affy Yours B B Wisner

Rev. Charles Gutzlaff } Mis Rooms, Boston May
China } 28 1834

My dear Christian brother

The Rev Mr. Anderson, the one of the 3 Secretaries of the A. B. of Commissioners for F. Missions entrusted with its foreign correspondence, being prevented at present by indisposition from attending to business, it devolves on me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Nov. 24 1833, which came to hand on the 21st inst. And I assure you it gives me great pleasure to be permitted to address one who has been honored of God to be the instrument of shewing the world that even China is not inaccessible to Christian influence, & of conveying to such multitudes of its interesting inhabitants the word of life, and of exciting, in this country at least, so deep an interest in the evangelization of its whole population. The Lord be praised, my brother, for putting it into your heart to attempt such things, & sustaining you in the attempt, & crowning it with such happy and encouraging results. As an earnest of the interest waking up in this country in behalf of China, we send you in the vessel which carries this, an additional laborer in your great field, so remarkably whitening for the harvest, — the Rev. Peter Parker, who, in addition to a regular academic, collegiate, & theological education, has attended regular courses of medical lectures, & graduated M. D. witnessed surgical operations & seen considerable practice &c. You will find him an amiable & pious young man. I trust he will be, to you & the other missionaries to China, American & English, an agreeable & efficient helper. If he is permitted to see you, he will give you much information about the state of things, in this country, as respects China & the cause of missions generally. We have recently appointed another young man a missionary of our Board to China, a Mr. Hope, who has lately been licensed to preach the Gospel, and will finish his theological education at one of our Seminaries — that at Princeton, this fall; & will then spend about a year and a half in attending to medical studies, in the most advantageous circumstances, in the city of Philadelphia. He is represented by his instructers, & others who have known him well, as a young man of very superior qualifications in every particular. I have seen him a few times, & have been very much pleased with him. And several others in our Seminaries, who design Providence permitting, to be foreign missionaries, are turning their thoughts & hearts to China. And some pious physicians are turning their thoughts to the same field of service for Christ & the good of their fellowmen. Last fall I was called to go, on business of our Board, into the State of Virginia. And there I found a physician, about 30 years of age, the owner & occupant of Monticello, formerly the famous seat of Thomas Jefferson, once President of the U States, & a bitter & devoted infidel. Dr Barclay (for that is the name of the gentleman to whom I refer) was settled in the neighboring town of Charlottesville, a physician and apothecary, with some property doing a considerable business, & having recently married a lovely young woman, when Jefferson's estates, after his decease, was sold at auction, Dr. B. bought it, & removed upon it, to live the life of a scientific gentleman, occupying & amusing himself with the rearing & tending of silk worms. Soon after he got thus settled, the Lord arrested him, & he & his wife became decidedly pious. Not long after he heard a sermon on the worth of the soul, in the application of which an appeal was made in behalf of the heathen. This led to his being interested in Foreign Missions; and he procured our Missionary Herald. There he found your journals. The result was, he became much interested in China, & determined, should Providence permit, to devote himself to its service as a missionary physician. When I was at his house, he had a little son, about to be baptized, whom he intended to call Charles Gutzlaff, with which name he has since been christened. The Dr. has sold his place and is devoting himself to a revision of his medical studies, after which he will pay some attention to theology, all in preparation for executing his cherished design in regard to China. But there is a serious difficulty in his way. His wife, a lovely, sensible, pious woman, is enough interested in missions to be willing to go with her husband if he shall continue to feel it to be his duty to devote himself to that service, but has not, as yet, zeal enough in the cause to brave the opposition of friends; and her parents, though professors of religion, the father an elder in a Presbyterian church, are very decidedly opposed to her going on a foreign mission. The Dr. hopes this impediment will be removed by the time he is ready to go. If it is not, his present intention is, at least to visit China, and see you and other brethren laboring for its evangelization, if the Lord shall spare him & you & them so long, & behold your privilege in being permitted to be employed in so good a work. You would give him very great pleasure, & might do him & his wife and the cause good, by writing to him. He knows nothing of my making this suggestion. A letter addressed 'James T Barclay, M.D. Charlottesville, Virginia, U, S. A. would find him.

We have lately had stereotyped here a Chinese translation of Christ's Sermon on the Mount, the blocks of which were sent us from Canton, & had 200 copies printed & done up in the Chinese way, the paper also having been sent from Canton. The Tract Society have also had a page stereotyped, & copies struck off on common paper. The success of the experiment has been complete. We send a set of the stereotype plates, & 100 copies of the tract as printed here, to the brethren at Canton.

We thank you for your suggestions as to our future operations, in your letter of the 24th of Novr. last. To Siam, to which we were induced to send by your invitation, we shall send in the course of the summer, a well qualified physician & his wife, to strengthen the brethren there. We have determined also to make Singapore, for a time at least, a central point in our operations in South Eastern Asia. We shall greatly enlarge our operations, as we can get men — now coming forward faster than heretofore, in that part of the world. We have, as you suggest that we should do, "blotted out," not only "from our Missionary publications," but from our thoughts, "that China," & the regions around are "shut".

We shall be happy to receive communications from you whenever your engagements will permit you to make them. And we hope you will freely make suggestions in regard to our operations in the great field before and around you. Be assured we shall receive them gladly and prize them highly.

Dear brother, you are beloved & thought of with affectionate interest and prayed for with fervor by thousands of Christians in these U States. The Lord give you grace to be faithful, sustain you in all your trials & labors, & make you eminently instrumental in promoting his cause & receive you to his service in heaven —

Affy Yours & B B Wisner

Missionary Rooms Boston
June 3. 1834

Revd. E. C. Bridgman
Canton

My Dear Brother

Full communications go by the Morrison, which sail abut this time, from New York — kindly written by brother Wisner in consequence of indisposition on my part, of which I am daily getting better. But as the Captain of the Omega had just called, and offerd to take a parcel, I must send you a line.

The Stereotyping of the Chinese, whatever it may come to, is properly a part of the opprations of our Board. I suggested the thing to brother A . befor the Morrison

Sailed a year ago. I send you the Book we have stereotyped and printed in Boston — the first Chinese book ever stereotyped, so far as I know. The plates, & 75 copies go by the Morrison. I hope you will prepare an article on the subject for the Reprinting after receiving the communication by the Morrison. We shall publish a history of the stereotype plates in the Herald, and insert a leaf of the Book. Miss White is expected to embark for Singapore on the 20th inst. The vessel afterwards goes to Batavia, and possibly she may find it expedient to go from thence to Batavia. I think however, that in case she can be well accommodated at Singapore till Mr Tracy's arrival, she will remain there. The resolutions of the Com. goes by the Morrison. I am on the point of commencing a journey by way of recreation. Love to all. The Lord Jesus be with you

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Missionary Rooms, Boston June 4. 18

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Constantinople }

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& make the best of your time at Constple or Elsewere. We have been very unexpectedly & painfully hindered, but may yet see that the Lord had graciously ends to be answered. We shall endeavor to find desirable companions for Mr. Johnston & Mr. Schneider, to whom & to all the brethren & their wives, including the wife of brother Schauffler, commend me most affectionately. Affect. regards also to Mrs. Perkins. In great haste, but most truly yours. R. Anderson

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New York June 2. 1824

Revd Dr Morrison Canton China.

Revd & dear Sir. Rev. Mr. Anderson my colleague in the Secretaryship of the American Board of Foreign Missions, being sick, I have come to this city to attend to business to which he would otherwise would have attended, & address you this communication which would otherwise have come from him. We send you by the ship which carries this, in company with our mutual and dearest friend Mr Olyphant, another missionary minister & physician the Revd Peter Parker M.D. who I trust will form a useful and acceptable coadjutor in the great work of Evangelising China. We have another young man of first rate talents and character, who is to leave one of our Theological Seminaries this fall, and will attend about a year attending to the study of medicine — already appointed a missionary of our Board, and designated to China. And several others of our young men studying for the ministry and looking forward to Foreign Missionary service, have their hearts turned to the same field, and there is, as Mr Parker and Mr Olyphant will inform you in detail, a deep and strong interest growing in the hearts of Christians in this country in behalf of China — Missions to that part of the world from the American Churches may confidently be expected to be prosecuted with increasing vigour — Our Committee have determined to make an establishment at Singapore, to be a central ~~Post~~ of their operating in South Eastern

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Asia. Mr Tracy has been already directed to repair there: and a press will be sent as soon as a good printer can be procured which will be soon: Mr Bridgman will communicate to you the result of our attempt at stereotyping in Chinese. We think it will greatly facilitate the multiplication of books in their language. Mr Olyphant tells me that he designs to attempt, in consideration of the feebleness of your health, to invite you to take a voyage to America. I assure you my dear Sir, we should be very happy to welcome you here, and many ministers and Christians would rejoice to see you, and you might by a visit effectually contribute to the promotion of the great cause to which you have devoted your life. We have at present the favour of delegation with us from the Congregational Union of England and Wales, to various Ecclesiastical bodies and benevolent Societies in this country. — the Rev. Mr Reed of London and Rev. Mr Matheson of Durham, the former, he tells me a personal friend of yours. They have attended our anniversaries in New York Philadelphia and Boston, and the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and have made a very happy impression. They will attend other meetings of Ecclesiastical bodies and benevolent Societies, visit Canada return again to the United States, and not go home till October. great good will result from their visit — They are both decidedly Missionary men, and it is delightful to find their hearts and voices flowing into one strain of sympathy and devotedness and prayer for the perishing world.

We shall always be happy to hear from you, and intreat as a favour, that you will make any suggestions that may occur to you in regard to our Missionary operations in and around China

With much esteem and Christian affection
Yours in the bonds of the gospel
B B Wisner

Missionary Rooms Boston June 7. 1834

Rev. Messrs Wm Goodell &
H. G. O. Dwight Constantinople }

My Dear Brothers

Mr Anderson is not well; not affected, it is hoped, with any particular disease, but run down and required by his physician to suspend labor for some time; and he is now absent from this city. This is the reason of my writing to you at this time — Your joint letter of March 17th recommending that the designation of Mr. Johnson & Wife be changed from Broosa to Trebizond; was received on the 21st of May at the same time we received a letter from Mr Schneider dated March 17th and one from Mr Johnson dated March 18th expressing their concurrence in your proposal. The letters were all laid before ~~the~~ our Prudential Committee at a meeting held to-day. The result was the adoption of the two following resolutions — Resolved that a Missionary Station of this Board be established as soon as shall be practicable, at Trebizond on the Black Sea — Resolved that the designation of the Revd Thos. S. Johnson, a Missionary of this Board now at Constantinople, be changed from Broosa to Trebizond.

Mr Johnson will go to Trebizond at such time as you and he shall judge best; & will as you suggest, take with him teachers and apparatus to commence Lancasterian Schools.

Mr Anderson wrote to Mr Perkins on the 4th inst. informing him that we have a prospect of obtaining Dr. E. Worcester a brother of Rev. Saml A. Worcester the Cherokee Missionary, to be his associate as Missionary Physician to Persia; an excellent man in every respect, the only doubt arises from the unwillingness of the mother of the young lady to whom Dr. E. W. is engaged, to have her go on a foreign Mission a difficulty which we trust, will be overcome by next fall, to which time we propose to have Dr W, if he goes, delay his embarcation, as it is now too late to get ready, and get to Constantinople and go to Corinth this spring. Mr Anderson, therefore, mentioned in his letter to Mr Perkins just refered to, that his setting off from Constantinople had better be delayed till next spring. Dr W. can come and spend the winter with you, preparing for his work, and both set off next spring." This will be sent by the Brig Doom to sail from this port on Monday to Smyrna; and a duplicate of it with various other letters, and some stores including a stove for Mr Johnson will be sent by the Brig Jasper to sail also from this port to Smyrna on Wednesday or Thursday next.

In great haste Yours truly

B. B. Wisner

P. S. Mr Schneider and Mr Johnson will both be reinforced this fall or next Spring.

Missionary Rooms Boston June 7 1834

Rev. Danl. Temple. Smyrna

My dear Brother

Mr Anderson is sick, and ordered by his physician to desist from all business for a time, and gone from the City. This is the reason of my writing to you, which I must do very briefly. Mr Anderson's case is not one, we hope, of any particular disease, and that rest and relaxation will restore him —

His last to you appears from his letter book to have been Feby 13th. Since that I find received from you your letter of Dec 3. recd March 19. of Jany 16. recd recd March 27th and of Feby recd Apl 1st —

We were rejoiced to hear of your safe arrival in Smyrna; and have felt deeply for you in the trouble brought upon you by nominal Christian enemies of the truth. — How afflicting that Christians (so called) should be so much more active in opposing the gospel of Christ than the Mohommedans. and yet what els could be expected of Antichrists? You of course did not expect to prosecute your missionary work without trials: and these are not more severe than there was reason to expect. We are glad to find that your "heart" does not sink within" you at the sight of the prospect that opens before "you. and think you can and do "strengthen yourself in God. and be of good courage" That source of strength and encouragement will never fail you. May you have faith to lay hold on and trust in it continually). We are glad to learn that you have found so good a friend in Mr. Offley. You will of course seek to cherish his good opinion and readiness to serve you. Present to him our thanks for his kindness. and our respectful request that he will continue to render you & your brethren such protection and aid as shall be consistent with his official duties and relations —

We send you herewith a letter to Messrs Goodell and Dwight. which. as it relates to a matter of some importance the commencement of a station at Trebizond and Mr. Johnson's going to it instead of to Broosa — please forward as soon as practicable. and by a sure conveyance —

This will be sent by the Brig Dover to sail from this port to Smyrna. with young Mr. Van Lennep a board. on monday. on Wednesday or thursday next. the Brig Jasper is to sail also from this port to Smyrna. by which we shall send other letters and packages &c —

Remember us affectionately to Mrs Temple. & to your associate in the mission

In great haste affect. Yours

B. B. Wisner

Missionary Rooms Boston June 9 1834

Revd Benjamin Schneider
Broosa Turkey in Asia

My dear Brother

Mr Anderson is laid aside from labor just at present by indisposition. And gone on a short excursion for the restoration of his health; which is the occasion of my addressing you. Your letter of Jany 21st was received Apl 4th. And that of March 17th recd May 21st we were rejoised to learn that you had got so well on your way as far as Constantinople, and were so pleasantly situated with the brother there —

At the same time that we received your letter of March 17 we receivd one from Messrs Goodell & Dwight of the same date. and one from Mr Johnson of March the 18th; all relating principally to the change of in the destination of Mr Johnson. These communications were laid before the Prudential Committee on the 7 inst. The result was communicated in a letter to Messrs Goodell & Dwight, of the 7th inst. Sent by the Brig Door to Smyrna, by which I had time to prepare and send only that letter & one to Mr Temple. The result was as follows —

Resolved that a Missionary Station of the Board be established as soon as practicable, at Trebizond on the Black Sea

Resolved that the designation of the Revd Thos. P. Johnson a Missionary of the Board now at Constantinople, be changed from Broosa to Trebizond

Your request that a helper may be sent to you soon at Broosa will be complied with; and the probability is that your desire to have Mr Powers that helper, will be sent. He has not yet been communicated with on the subject, as he has been absent from Andover during the vacation just ended. I shall write to him in a day or two, as soon as I dispose of some more pressing business. on the subject, and I presume he will cheerfully accede to your wishes and our proposal. When at Philadelphia I saw Mr. Dickey and Mr. Barr of the New Castle Presbytery. They spoke with much satisfaction of your visit to the churches of their Presbytery, and of its good effect and said that you and Mr. Schneider are remembered and thought of and prayed for by many of their good people with interest.

The Lord fit you for, and sustain you, and make you greatly useful in your good work.

In haste affectionately yours
B. B. Wisner

Missionary Rooms, Boston June 9. 1834

Rev. Thos. P. Johnson
Constantinople

My dear Brother,

Your letter of March 18th with the accompanying one Messrs Goodell & Dwight of the 17th March, and one from Mr. Schneider of the latter date (all relating principally to the subject of the change of your destination from Brosa to Trebizond) were recd. May 21st. They were laid before the Prudential Committee on the 7th inst; and the Committee passed the following resolutions.

"Resolved that a missionary station of the Board be established as soon as practicable, at Trebizond on the Black Sea.

"Resolved that the designation of the Rev. Thos. P. Johnson a missionary of the Board now at Constantinople be changed from Brosa to Trebizond."

You will go to Trebizond when you and the brethren at Constantinople shall judge best; and you will take with you, as Messrs. Goodell & Dwight proposed, teachers and apparatus for Lancasterian schools. — Your request that you may soon have an associate at Trebizond will be complied with. You request that you may have one from Union Seminary, & that Ballantine or Shaw may be the man. We will try to give you one from the Union Seminary; but whether it will be Balantine or Stone, I cannot now say. They have both wished to go to Southern Asia, and we have wished Balantine to go to Bombay. I will communicate to them your wishes.

You also mention Mr Lindley. He & Venable & Dr E Wilson with two brethren from Andover are going about December next to Eastern Africa. There is now a fine missionary spirit in the Union Sem'y; one third of the students are decided to be foreign missionaries — You have heard from the Herald and other sources how happily we succeeded last fall in getting an organization for Virginia & North Carolina, for them to cooperate with the Board. All are pleased with it. Mr Armstrong of Richmond has been appointed their Secretary, and even general agent for the States, and accepts the appointment The business will now go well there. Also in South Carolina & Georgia where a similar arrangement was made. And equivalent arrangements have been made with success at the west. I attended the Synod of of North Carolina last fall at Washington. Many of the brethren spoke of you with affection —

May the Lord fit you & Mrs J. for your work and sustain you and give you great success in it

The cooking stove you requested will be sent in a vessel the Brig Jasper to sail a day or two hence for Smyrna

I write in consequence of the indisposition and absence of Mr Anderson

In haste affectionately yours

B. B. Wisner

Missionary Rooms Boston June 9. 1834

Rev. Geo. B. Whitney

My dear Brother

I write you in consequence of the indisposition and absence of Mr Anderson. He is not, we trust, affected with any particular disease, but run down, we hope he will be soon restored by rest and exercise.

The last date I find in his letter book, to you is Oct 3. 1833 - Since that time I find in his files, recieved from you, your letter of ~~Jany~~ Dec 20. recieved March 19. and of Jany 6 1834 Recd March 7, & of Jany 17. recd March 27th

I have not addressed this letter to any place, because I know not where it will find you. I must, therefore, leave it to be directed by Mr Temple, to whom it will be sent by the Brig Jasper, to sail to sail from this port in a day or two to Smyrna. by which we shall send various letters, and packages. In two of the three letters above referred to, you speak of returning to Beyroot by the first opportunity: but in a poscript to the last, dated four days later you mention having recieved a letter from the brethren at Constantinople, urging you not to return to B. for a year at least, but to remain at Smyrna, or come again to C. Mr Temple, in a letter dated Feb 10 after speaking of Karabet and his family as to sail soon to Beyroot, adds "Mr & Mrs Whitney will accompany them" I rather conclude, therefore on the whole, that you are at Beyroot. Mrs Wisner & I, and the other friends you made here, as well as the officers ~~of~~ at the Rooms have sympathised with you in your severe trial in the feeble health of Mrs Whitney: a severe trial not only as an personal affliction, but on account of the interruption it occasions you in your missionary work. But it is the Lord that has ordered this, and He has done it in the exercise of the same love that gave the Saviour to die for you and the Spirit to renew ~~you~~ and seal you to the day of redemption, and conferred upon you the privilege of bring his Missionaries to the benighted people of western Asia, what he has seen best for you and for the cause to which to which you are devoted. May his grace be given to you abundantly to support and comfort & sanctify you, & make all to work for your good, and the furtherance of the cause you would promote.

If you are at Beyroot, & Mr. & Mrs Smith have arrived there, Mr. S has told you that he and I went to Newark, when he was in this country, & visited and spent the night with the family of Mr. D. W. They were very happy to see us, especially Mr. S. and we spent the time with them very delightfully. If in Newark again, I shall not fail to call upon them.

The affair at Smyrna which you dwell upon in one of your letters, and of which Mr. Temple gave us full details in the relation to poor Karabet, was to be lamented. Yet it will, no doubt, overruled for good. Such occurrences are not to be sought, they are to be avoided if possible, but when they come without any fault, and especially ~~when~~ without any designed agency of ours, they are to be cheerfully acquiesced, & will unquestionably issue in good.

If Karabet and his wife are with you, express to them our sympathy & assure them of our earnest desires & prayer, that grace may be given them to sustain aright their trials, and get good from them, and be made by them more devoted and useful in promoting the honour of Christ and the salvation of men.

If you are at Beyroot, remember us affectionately to all the brethren and sisters there. I do not write to any of them beside yourself, by this opportunity, because I am expecting people and I do not find in Mr. Anderson's bundle of unanswered letters, any from either of them. Tell Mr. & Mrs. Smith that left them a week since I saw in New York. Sarah Huntington, wife of her brother Edward who with her husband had a few hours before returned from Norwich. All the family and friends at N. were well: & Edward and the little boy were well: Sarah had been quite sick — danger of an affection of the liver: but had been greatly benefited by her jaunt to Norwich: & hoped soon to be completely restored. Would it not be well, for you, while Mrs E.W. continues feeble, to take a horse and ride on Mount Lebanon, if you could be safe and comfortable there: Might you not there be usefully employed in furthering ~~the~~ your missionary work? But this, and all similar matters, we leave to the decision of yourself and your brethren.

Affectionately Yours
B. B. Wisner

Missionary Rooms Boston June 9. 1834

Rev. W. G. Schauffler
Constantinople

Dear Brother

I write you in consequence of the indisposition and absence of Mr. Anderson who is not, we trust, affected with any particular disease, but run down; & will, we hope, be restored soon by rest and recreation. His last date to you, which I find in his letter book, is Dec 23. 1833. I do not find in his bundle of unanswered letters any from you — Yet I write to you by this opportunity (of the Brig Jasper to sail from this port, in a day or two, to Smyrna) In consequence of finding in a letter from Mr. Temple dated Feby 10th & recd Apl 1st, the following sentence, "Our brethren Johnston & Schneider, with their wives, left us, accompanied by Mr. Reynolds, on the 3d for Constantinople. The next news from Miss R. we expect will be, that she has exchanged her name for that of Schauffler. To save time and money, we thought it advisable for her to avail herself of this good opportunity, & go to him though it is not quite good etiquette, rather than that he should leave his important post, & come for her. And after some remarks about Mrs. Johnstons health and some other things, he adds "This affair" [of Br. P. & Miss R.] is approved. I believe by us all. and will promote, we hope, the usefulness of both parties". I am happy to be able to add, as I do with perfect sincerity & truth, that it is approved by us all. Though not personally acquainted with Miss R. we know much about her from mutual friends in New Haven & Elsewhere. We have full confidence that she will make you a good wife and also good missionary; and you are doubtless, fully impressed with the truth of the position that a good "wife is from the Lord". and one of his best gifts. & the same may be said with truth of a good missionary. May you have all the happiness in this new and interesting relation that your covenant God shall see to be for your highest good, and may you be mutual helpers of each others piety, & comfort, & usefulness in the missionary work. You will send us in, due time evidence of Miss R's discharge from the New Haven Association. & a request that she may be appointed an assistant missionary of the Board.

Your particular friends here, and at Andover, &c are well, so far as is known to me. I hear you often spoken of by those who knew you when in America, with interest and affection.

Affectionately Yours

B. B. Wisner

P. S. [Recorded p. 54.]

Missionary Rooms Boston. U.S.A June 10. 1834

Rev. Justin Perkins. Constantinople

My Dear Brother

I write you in consequence of the indisposition & absence of Mr. Anderson: who is not we hope affected with any particular disease, but run down, & it is hoped, will be soon restored by rest and exercise. Mr. Anderson wrote you on the 4th inst. informing you that we have at length the prospect of a Suitable & Excellent man, to be associated with you as a Physician in the Nestorian Mission. Dr. Isaac B. Worcester, brother of the Revd. Saml. A. Worcester of the Cherokee Mission; a regularly Educated Physician, who had been practicing a while at Leicester in this State, a Sensible, amiable, decidedly pious young man of good address and manners, & Dr. Mussey says, uncommonly well prepared in his profession. The young lady to whom he is engaged, tho' quite young, but little over Sixteen, has a character that entirely supersedes any objection on the ground of her youth, talented, well Educated, amiable, judicious, decided, pious. We greatly rejoice in this result of our long delay and many efforts to ~~get~~ in attempting to get a Suitable man for this Service. I have Spoken as if the matter were decided that they will go. It is so with themselves. The mother of the young lady - a widow, has strongly objected to her daughter's going, & has not yet consented but her opposition is yielding, & there is no doubt she will consent, and we expect cordially, before the time shall come for them to go. That time, as they cannot now get to Constantinople Early Enough for you to go to Oormiah this Season, we shall fix at next fall: when they will come out to Constantinople, & Spend the winter there, preparing themselves for their work as you have been doing; and the next Spring you and they must Set out together to your field. In the mean time Mr. Johnston & perhaps an ~~assistant~~ associate, will have got Established at Trebizond, & have got a Stopping & resting place, prepared for you there, where you may advantageously make arrangements for your journey across the country. Mr. Anderson in his letter to you of the 6th inst., after Stating that as circumstances were, you had better defer your tour

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into Persia till next Spring". added, in reference to the unexpected delay. We may yet see that the Lord had good ends to be answered. One perhaps was, having Mr. Johnston established at Trebizond before you set off; another was, to give us for your associate, so well qualified a man as Dr. Worcester; a third, no doubt, will be, to send you at a better time than this Spring would have been. And others will yet be developed.

Mr. Merrick, a native of Munson in this State, a graduate of Amherst, & a Student of the Theological Seminary at Columbia S.C. will come out this fall, without a wife, to go to the Mohammedans of Persia; and we shall send three or four others to be located around the Mediterranean.

Remember me affectionately to Mrs. Perkins and to the other brethren and sisters

Truly Yours
B. B. Wisner

P.S. to a letter to Rev. Wm. G. Schauffler, copied p. 55."

Since writing the above, some ladies of Jews Society have been conversing with me. They say that the Society is rather languishing; that they find increasing difficulty to get the funds requisite to meet their engagements. You need not be at all disturbed by these statements, for your support will be furnished regularly, originally from our treasury, if not, thro' it, from that of the Jews Society. I mention these things to prepare the way for communicating a statement of the ladies, that it would help them if you would write to them more frequently, giving them interesting details of your proceedings & of things around you. And if Mrs. Schauffler shall have at Constantinople, as she had at Smyrna, a school or schools under her superintendence, communications in regard to them, from her to the Jews Society will be peculiarly acceptable and useful

Missionary Rooms Boston U.S.A. June 12. 1834

Revd. Thos. P. Johnston
Constantinople

My Dear Brother

Enclosed you have the copy you left with Mr. Anderson, of the truly Excellent sermon preached at your ordination by the Revd. Mr. Frontis. I have had it transcribed except the concluding address to you; and that copy is now in the hands of the printer, to constitute No. 16. of our Standing Missionary Papers. Perhaps I ought to have consulted Mr. F. about it, but I have not, preferring to surprise him by sending him a copy of the printed tract when it is finished. I will also send you a copy.

Truly yours
B. B. Wisner

Missionary Rooms Boston U.S.A. June 21. 1834

Revd. Messrs. Alexander, Armstrong & Parker,
Missionaries of the A.B.C.F.M. at the Washington Islands

My Dear brethren

Mr. Anderson is out of health, not, we trust, affected with any particular disease, but run down & will soon, we trust, be restored by rest & exercise; to obtain which he is now absent on a journey; this is the reason of my writing this letter. —

In January, I think it was, we received your letter and journal sent by the Dhaulle, and thus first learned that it had been decided to establish, & that we actually had, a Mission at the Washington Islands: facts which were announced to the churches, & extracts from the letter and journal inserted in the Herald for March of this year. In the subsequent No. of the Herald, for April, you will find, at page 159, extracts from communications you made to the brethren at the Sandwich Islands, and which they sent as copies. These are all the communications and information we have recd from you, or concerning you, since you entered your new field.

At a meeting of our Prudential Committee held on the 11. of March last, proceedings were had in relation to your mission; of the record of which the following is a copy, "A letter received from the Missionaries of the Board at the Sandwich Islands dated June 15. 1833, & addressed to the Rev. Wm. Ellis Foreign Secretary of the London Missionary Society, recommending that both the groups of the ~~Missionaries~~ Marquesas Islands, constitute but one missionary field, to be occupied by the missionaries of one Society; and proposing that, if it should meet the views of the Directors of the London Missionary Society, it should be so occupied by the missionaries of this Board already sent to the Northern Marquesas and others who shall be sent to aid them in prosecuting the mission. Whereupon, Resolved that said letter be transmitted to Mr. Ellis."" On the 21st of March Mr. Anderson wrote to Mr. Ellis, stating the views of our Committee more in detail, & transmitting the letter from the Sandwich Islands. No reply has yet been received from Mr. Ellis.

Immediately after learning that you were at the Washington Islands, we set about inquiring and making efforts to obtain a physician to be sent to join you, and to find an opportunity to send your supplies. With a view to the latter object inquiries were made at all the places from which whaling ships depart. For some time we could hear of no opportunity of sending to you directly, nor by way of the Sandwich Islands, nor any likely to occur for several months. We had consequently about concluded to write to Mr. Ellis of the London Missionary Society and request its Directors to send your first supplies from the Society Islands. Before this determination was executed, however, a kind Providence so ordered it that a pious gentleman from New London was in the City, and called at the Rooms, and mentioned incidentally that he heard just as he was leaving N. L. that a vessel, then out in the stream at N. L. was to sail in a day or two for the Washington Islands direct. We had inquired at N. London, and been informed ~~there~~ ~~that~~ that there was no vessel to go from that Port. The explanation was that the destination of this vessel had been kept a profound secret, probably because she was to carry out fire arms and ammunition and rum. It was added, that there was no probability that her owners would take any thing for us to the Washington ~~Islands~~ or Sandwich Islands. It was thought best, however, to make an effort to get them to take your supplies. Accordingly Mr Hill & Mr Chapman set off immediately for New London, putting certain things that were here for you on board a packet that happened to be ~~sailing~~ to sail from here to New London that afternoon. Mr Anderson had not time to write to you before Messrs H. & C. left, and there was little probability of finding a willingness even to send a letter. Messrs H. & C. found an utter unwillingness to take any thing, and could not overcome it; & Mr Hill came home, leaving Mr Chapman to attend to the things sent round from here when they should arrive, and send them back. While he was waiting the vessel was detained, and one of her owners came to Mr C. and said they had, on farther consideration, concluded that they would take the goods. Certain merchants in the town, friendly to missions, and who had heard of the affair, had probably by their remonstrances produced the change. Mr C. embraced the offer, making certain stipulations, which Mr Hill will state to you, in case the vessel should not go to the Washington Islands. Before this result was known here, the vessel had sailed; of course, there was no possibility of writing by her. The vessel was the Phoenix, Capt Allyn. She sailed from New London about the first of April last. We hope you will have recieved the supplies sent by her in safety before this reaches you

We have also, ever since we heard that you were at the Washington Islands, been making inquiries for a physician to be sent to join you. We have not yet obtained one. And if we had, we have yet had no opportunity of sending ~~him~~ one; and the vessel which takes this could not take one & his wife, having room for but one passenger. –

We are in negotiation in reference to two persons, & I think Shall have one ready to Send by one of the fall Ships. If we can we Shall Send him directly to the Washington Islands. If not, we Shall Send him to the Sandwich Islands, to get thence to you as he can. We Shall Send, by the first opportunity, to the Sandwich Islands, a book binder and printer & their wives, and two Single females — one to teach the natives the household manufacture of cloth, taking with her wheels, looms, & the other a Sister of Mr Hitchcock going out to be associated with him as a teacher. We may also Send a missionary and his wife. The last date from the Sandwich Islands were Dec 12. 1833. All were as well as usual, except Mr Ruggles, who on account of ill health, was to return to the United States by the first opportunity. Things do not go So well as to attendance on worship, & School &c. Since the death of Kaahumanu and the young king's assuming power. But you, doubtless have more recent intelligence than we.

In regard to your mission, we have no direction to give, we know So little as yet about your circumstances. We have full confidence in you all, that you will be discreet, faithful, persevering. Above all things but one, let perfect harmony & affection be preserved among you. Above all, let your confidence in God be firm and abiding. In patience possess your Soul and do your work. Cultivate a Strong Sense of dependence on the grace of God to Subdue the Savage hearts around you by means of your instructions. Preach and talk to them much in the Moravian way, telling and pressing upon them the Story of redeeming love, of the Son of God emptying himself, and taking the fashion of a man, and dying in agony most excruciating for their redemption, and how pitying them, and desiring them to come to him, that they may come to him and have eternal life. The more you make of this doctrine the better will you be Sustained and Comforted, the more likely will you be to have speedy and genuine succeſs in the conversion of the people. You will, of course, preſs the matter of Schools, and will have regular public preaching as soon as practicable.. I would also recommend that you give special attention to preparing for the natives & teaching them to use ~~Evan-~~ Evangellical psalms & hymns. This is every where, and especially among an uncivilized, or a partially civilized, people, a most efficient means of getting them interested in connection with, and affected by, evangellical truth. Give them hymns as soon as possible; and sing much before and with them and get them singing your hymns as soon as practicable.

From the Heralds and newspapers and magazines sent you, you will get a general idea of the state of things in this country. There has been a warm contest in the Presbyterian Church the last year, and in the last General Assembly: but the moderate folks have prevailed by a very decided majority. In New England especially, in Connecticut there has been considerable contention about Taylorism & Tylerism, which has issued ~~from~~ in the establishment of a new Theological Seminary, at E Windsor near Hartford; not, as is avowed, with the design of making a division in the church, but inculcating the views opposite to those of Dr Taylor; while Ecclesiastical relations and arguments remain as before. The spirit of contention that some leading ministers have got up and been fostering, the people are not much affected with: they are becoming too much interested for the conversion of the world. There is a very decided advance in Miſsionary spirit throughout the country. Christians beginning to feel that it is their busineſs instrumentally to convert the world, and that they must live for this object. There have been many powerful revivals the last year, in the middle and Southern & Western and Eastern States, tho' not so many as in 1831. There have been great political troubles among us, about nullification, & then about the United

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State Bank. the removal of the deposits &c. But the Lord shows that he reigns, & that he has a favor towards this nation. and I doubt not all will yet be well.

When at N. York & Philadelphia this Spring, I saw friends of Mr & Mrs Armstrong & Alexander, who inquired affectionately for them. particularly Dr & Mrs Blatchford of Bridgeport Ct. & some acquaintance (whose names I do not now recollect) of Mrs Alexander from Harrisburgh. Our little Caleb remembers Mr & Mrs Armstrong, and often speaks of them. and when I told him I was about to write to them. said Give my love to them & to the other brethren and sisters. and so do the other brethren at the Rooms.

The Lord sustain, comfort & bless you in your person and in your work.

Let us hear from you as often as practicable.

Affectionately yours
B. B. Wisner

P. S. You will learn from the Herald what was the effect of what you saw at the Society Islands in regard to rum on the Directors & friends of the London Missionary Society in England. In the whole business we may see the hand of Providence. The Temperance reform had gone heavily in England: many of the active members and friends of the London Missionary Society did not come up to the work as they ought to have done; the Evangelical Magazine ~~[illegible]~~ with which the Missionary Chronicle of the London Miss is stitched up, opposed the principles of entire abstinence. To correct all this among other ~~agents~~ objects, Providence let rum be sent to the Society Islands, to greatly injure, not to say to almost destroy, that favorite mission. You will see by Mr Ellis' letter to us on the subject, published in the Herald, that a right kind of influence was produced, on the good people in England, by this untoward and distressing event. In this country the proceedings of sending the rum has excited a general and strong feeling of indignation. and there is being arrayed against it a very decided and frequent exposition by publick meetings. Ecclesiastical bodies &c. of that indignation. I hope you will be very decided in example and precept, from the beginning and through your whole course in regard to the ~~use~~ use of spirituous liquors. The people must hear and see that those who profess piety from to Christianity regard using rum as sin and a dreadful one.

A Mr Stevens of this city goes in the vessel which carries this. intending to keep with her at least to the Sandwich Islands. If he does so. and she goes first (as is expected) to the Washington Island. you will see him. if you do you will treat him with all kindness. He is a pious young man, a member of one of the ortho-dox Congregational Churches here, who commenced studying for the ministry. but was arrested in his course by pulmonary affections. which occasions his taking this voiage. and from which it is very doubtful whether he will recover

G. B. Wisner

Missionary Rooms Boston U.S.A June 23 1834

To the Missionaries of the A.B.C.F.M.
at the Sandwich Islands

Dear Brethren

The reason of my writing to you this letter (which I am obliged to do in a very great hurry) is. that Mr Anderson is out of health not, it is believed, affected with any particular disease, but run down. & we trust, to be soon restored by rest and exercise; to obtain which he is now absent on a journey. I cannot, of course, write to you as fully and appropriately as he would do. The business of the Board has become so extensive, that we are obliged to apply the principle ~~business~~ of division of labor as far as possible. Mr Greens business is to take care of the Indian Missions, & Edit the Missionary Herald; Mr Anderson, to take care of Missionaries beyond sea; mine, to take care of the enterprise at home. And each knows but little about the details of business in the department of his associates, except as they are brought before the Committee, or presented to the affairs of the Rooms for advise. It is, therefore, with embarrassment that I undertake to supply Mr. Andersons in writing to you at this time.

Mr Andersons last letter, it appears from his letter book, was to Mr Bingham dated May 7th. In that he stated that we were expecting to send out, in the course of the summer, to join you, a book-binder. Mr Henry Dimond & his wife; a Printer Mr Edwin O Hall & his wife; & Miss Brown sent to teach the people the domestic manufacture of cloth; and Miss Hitchcock, sister of your brother missionary of that name, to be associated with him as teacher. After diligent inquiry we have been able to find no vessel, hitherto by which we could send to the Islands, but the one which carries this communication, & that is too small to take more than one passenger. We have no hope of getting them off till fall, tho we shall improve it if any earlier opportunity offers. As there has been this delay, we may also send you another missionary or two; and may send at the same time a Physician and his wife for the Washington Islands. We shall pretty certainly do the last, unless we can previously get a chance directly to the Washington Islands. We are very desirous that the experiment Miss Brown will go out to make, should be made in the most favorable circumstances, and should succeed. It is certainly of the utmost importance to make employment, and to create a necessity for it for the People of the Island. And it is very desirable to exert every influence on them that will be likely to produce among them industrious, orderly families. On these and other accounts, it is not desirable that the manufacture of cloth by machinery should be introduced among them. And it is very desirable that they should be got, if possible, into its domestic manufacture. Miss Brown is perfectly well acquainted with the business, having followed it all her life, being nearly fifty years old. I think she is moreover a woman of superior mind and character, well calculated to exert an influence on others. The committee are very desirous that every practicable facility and help be given her, if she shall ever reach the Islands, for making her experiment successfully. With this view, I think it would be important to have a few individuals selected to be first taught by her in the business of known industrious and persevering temperate habits, who will be pretty certain to do well; & let the main attention be given to them till they get thoroughly under way, and shew by their example that it is a good and profitable business.

Closely allied to this topic is another, coming under the same general head of the importance of getting something for the People to do, and giving them industrious habits. The Rev. Mr Greene Chaplain of the United States Ship Potomac, called here lately on the return of the vessel which came into this port. He spoke very favorably of the result of his observations upon your missionary operations, tho he said great efforts had been made to prejudice him and the other officers of the ship against you. To an inquiry he replied that he thought it very important that something should be done for the improvement of the agriculture of the people of the Island. He did not know whether it had better be attended to by the missionaries, but he thought it important that it should be in connexion with the mission. He said cotton & coffee might be cultivated with great success. & I think mentioned some other things. I suppose all the agricultural productions of the tropical climate might be raised there with success. And the ships coming there for supplies would make a demand for much of them; & a foreign demand might be found for some; & the wants of the people would be increased; and in all these ways the necessity and the formation of industrious habits would be promoted. And this is, ~~the~~ to the missionary enterprise among them, of very high importance. for an idle people can never be a truly moral and christian people. — We should like to have your deliberate views on this whole subject; not of making New England farmers, with which view, perhaps so far as there was any distinct object. Mr. Chamberlain (who returned) was sent out; but of introducing and encouraging among them such agriculture as is suited to their climate, Is it practicable? What will be the advantages of it? What facilities are there for it? What hindrances? What is the best method of effecting the object? &c. And if any thing can be done in regard to it, don't wait till you have written to us and get a reply before doing it, but let it be done as soon as practicable. —

Mr. Greene also mentioned that it would contribute much to the comfort of the missionary ladies to send them some churns. Mr. Chapman will send them on four by this vessel, and some more by the next. —

A large number of communications by different conveyances, have recently been received from you, of the dates of June, August, October, November & December, 1833. —

The last came to hand this morning, of dates in Nov. & Dec. by a vessel to Edgartown. Those by this conveyance, that belong to the Secretary's department, I have looked over, Mr. Greene had looked over those that came previously, and since Mr. Anderson was laid aside, I being at New York when they came getting off a missionary to China

I am sorry to find from the letters I have looked over that there was so much occasion to speak, when they were written, of a decline of interest among the people in attending schools and meetings. You ought not, and we ought not, however, to be discouraged by it, for in the first place, our duty to labor diligently and faithfully for their improvement and salvation of degraded and perishing Pagans does not depend upon the success of our efforts, but upon the command of Christ; in the second place, it was to be expected, considering the character of the people, so indolent, so incapable & unaccustomed to think and act for themselves, and the rulers that used to think and act for them in favor of religion taken away, and others now in their place who think and act for them differently. It only more distinctly and powerfully what you and ever knew before but perhaps did not feel deeply enough, that everything for good among the people is to be created, even the very intellectual and moral foundation; and you must build from the ~~foundation~~ very bottom, and see that the first stones are of good quality and well laid. There seems to be among you a general conviction that something must be done to give more efficacy to the schools. This is certainly of the highest importance. I am not about to undertake to tell what should be done. But we earnestly hope that you will give to this subject your best thoughts, and your best directed and most efficient action. The best mission decidedly of the Board is the one at Ceylon; its influence is steady, decided, advancing in elevating the people and promoting among them genuine Christianity; and the most efficient means in producing this result has been the system of schools, especially the Boarding School, the pupils of which are taken away from the heathenish influence of their parents, & brought under the Christian influence of those who assume to them the relation in a measure of parents; and kept under it till they grow up and are educated, and marry together, and settle in life. Now cannot you have something like this, or the very thing? A few thus trained would exert a great influence, would be most efficient helpers in your work. Something like this is spoken of in one of the letters; but it is said, one of the mission families would have to devote themselves to such a school, or schools of each sex, and the expense of them would be great.) A mission family could in no way be better if so well, if so well, employed, and the necessary expense ought not to be thought of a moment, if the object can be accomplished. And you need have no fear about pecuniary means to meet the expense. There is now so much of a missionary spirit in this country, that there is no danger of want of pecuniary means for the judicious and economical prosecution of any part of the work in which the Board is engaged. Let not this consideration delay your movements, in regard to the adoption of the plan now in question or any other that shall be clearly consistant with your object & character and seem important for the best success of your work.

The Lord and his people will provide the missionary pecuniary means. And in reference to this & similar matters you will not feel bound to govern yourselves by specific appropriations previously made by the Committee but do what as the mission seems to be manifestly required for the advancement of your great work, trusting that the Committee will approve what you have done and that the funds to meet the expense will be furnished. You will not, of course, infer from these remarks ~~thus~~ there is to be any less scrupulous regard paid by you to economy than heretofore: but only that you are not to omit doing what is manifestly required for the true prosperity of the mission, because it will considerably augment expense; nor to delay the doing of such things, if it is important that they should be soon done, till you can get our previous approbation and specific appropriation for the purpose.

While speaking of things requisite for the highest prosperity of the mission, I will mention another thing, commending it to the serious, continued and prayerful consideration of every brother and sister of the mission. One of the results of the general prevalance of revivals in this country of late years and of the decided increase there has been of the missionary spirit, has been the frequent proposals of questions Why are there so few

Conversions under the labors of our missionaries among the heathen? So much fewer than there were under the labors of the Apostles? Not because the latter wrought miracles, for these never converted; but the truth they preached, which our missionaries have as complete and as pure as they had. And the heathen are substantially the same now as they were then. Why then so great a difference in the result of the efforts made now & then for their conversion? Such questions and remarks have often, often, been addressed to me during the last two years. Not in any instance, that I can recollect in a complaining, fault-finding way, but in a manner that indicated serious concern, and an honest desire to ascertain the true answer. My reply has generally consisted, first, of a general admission that missionaries were not as faithful and devoted as were the apostles and as they might and ought to be, and then an appeal whether there was in the Churches now any thing like that spirit of prayer for a blessing on labors for the conversion of the heathen that there was in the Churches of Apostolic times. And I have no doubt that this question points to of the principle causes of the difference. But certainly not the only cause. There are causes, doubtless, in missionaries, in their spirit and manner of laboring. What are these causes? It certainly behooves missionaries to search with all fidelity and carefulness, with much prayer and fasting. In the conversations that have been had with me on this ~~sub~~ topic by good people, such questions as this have been proposed to me: Do the missionaries preach, as the apostles did, the duty and obligations of immediate repentance? Do they, as the Apostles did — as Brainerd did when such great and immediate success attended his preaching, as the Moravians have done with so good results — make Christ crucified the grand subject of their exhibitions to the people, holding up to them a divine, incarnate, dying, risen, interceding Redeemer, ~~professing~~ pressing on the conscience and the heart, directly, mainly, continually, redeeming love? Do they, as the apostles did, go about their work believing it possible for them to have, & in their dependance on God expecting, immediate success? I have generally answered these inquiries by saying, that the missionaries are good men, and know their duty in these respects, and doubtless aim to perform it. I repeat the question, not to remark upon them, or to occasion among you disputes or unprofitable discussions: but to commend them to your serious and prayerful ~~attention~~ consideration. One thing is clear. Something is wanting in the supporters or the conductors of Missions, or in Missionaries, doubtless in all of them, that ought not to be wanting: and were it not wanting, there would be seen greater and more signal success. What is it? Think of it: pray over it: confer about it; and let us know your views: and let the good effects, by God's blessing, appear in the results in your future labours.

I have a topic to mention in the way of caution and enquiry. It is the character of the letters written by individual Missionaries to their friends in this country & their directions, or want of directions, to those friends in regard to the publication of the letters. A while ago, one of our missionaries at Constantinople, in a private letter to a friend in this country, spoke in very decided terms of the trick and management and dishonesty of the English ambassador and other English residents at C: and it went the rounds of our papers: with the hazard of getting to Constantinople, and doing the writer and the cause immense injury — A missionary to Bombay kept a journal on his voyage and sent it to his friends. In it he mentioned that the captain was a clever man but had no religion, the mate a profane fellow, &c &c giving the names of all the officers and some passengers in the ship. And all was published in full in a religious paper in this country and the risk run of making the captain and all the rest perpetual enemies of missions. Soon after the young King of the Sandwich Islands assumed authority, one of the Miſsionaries wrote home to a friend a letter in which he gave an account, of his making Church members get drunk &c. The letter was published here and went the rounds of all our Papers, and thus the risk was run of its going back to the Islands to be made use of by Enemies there to prejudice the King more strongly and perhaps incurably against the Miſsion. And lately I have seen in the Vermont Chronicle. No 1. of a Statement from an individual Miſsionary at the Islands of the falling off in regard to Succeſs which there has been at the Islands. the discouragements there &c. Now all these cases, except perhaps, the last, were decidedly wrong. Such things should not only not have been published, but should not have been written in private letters to friends in this Country — And in regard to the last instance, I submit, whether, on such a subject, the views of an individual Miſsionary, and ~~be~~ ~~Erroneous~~ anonymous too, should be spread out before the Churches; or whether the account of the matter should be communicated, for publication in a joint letter accompanied with the names of the Miſsionaries, or of a Committee appointed to make such a Communication — These are only Specimens, of a kind of which there have been, from our various Miſsions many instances — Miſsionaries should be very careful what they write in their private letters to this Country, and they should never trust to the discretion of friends as to publishing; but if they communicate any thing not proper or not expedient to be published, in all cases say expreſsly that it is not to be published. —

Mr. Green, in his letter dated Dec 6. requested several books to be sent him. Mr. Anderson attends to that busineſs; and may have sent some of these very books. It will, therefore, be deferred till he gets home, and till the next opportunity to the Islands. —

Mr. Baldwin, in a letter dated Nov 29. requests a copy of "Dewees on the Diseases of Females", & a pair of Midwifery Forceps of Dewi's pattern," to be sent to him. Of "Dewees on Diseases of Females", two copies were sent to the Islands in November last and four are now sent. Of these Mr Baldwin has, doubtless, had or will have one. A pair of forceps Mr Chapman will procure, and send by this opportunity —

You will learn from the news papers and magazines sent you by this opportunity, the state of things in this country.

While I was writing the preceding, we received, on the 23d inst, a letter from Mr Ruggles, dated at Sag Harbor, Long Island, June 20, in which he says. "I hasten to inform you of the safe arrival of myself and family at this place, after a voiage of 165 days from the Sandwich, and 119 from the Society Islands. Our passage has been long but as pleasant as we could have expected — Capt. Sayne has been unwearied in his attentions & kindness to us besides his generosity in giving us a free passage — Mrs R. and our children are in good health." Mr Fuller had also arrived at New Bedford, and gone, we suppose, to his friends at Attleboro. He was on his arrival, we presume, much as ~~he was~~ when he left the Islands.

With affectionate regards to all the brethren and sisters of the mission, & to the Chiefs and People of the Islands, especially those of them that love our common Saviour, and with fervent prayers for the continued blessing of heaven on you and them, I am

With sincere affection
Your brother and fellow
Servt in the Gospel
B. B. Wisner

Rev. J. S. Green, Wailuku, Maui, Wrote him June 24. 1834. on various topics. D.G.

Rev. Samuel Whitney, Waimea, Kauai. Wrote him June 24. a friendly letter. D.G.

Doct. G. P. Judd. ~~Wrote~~ Honolulu, Wrote him June 23. 1834, requesting him to make out a statement respecting the climate, seasons, &c. at the Sandwich Islands which should enable physicians here to form an opinion relative to those islands as a suitable place of resort, for persons afflicted with pulmonary diseases. D.G.

Doct. Alonzo Chapin. Lahaina, Sandwich Islands. Wrote him at the same date and to the same purport as Doct. Judd above. D.G.

Missionary Rooms Boston U. S. A. June 21. 1834

Revd. Messrs. Saml. Munson &
Henry Lyman. Batavia

Dear Brethren

Mr. Anderson is out of health, not affected with any disease, we trust, but run down, to be restored, we hope, by rest and exercise; and he is now absent, travelling for the benefit of his health. This is the reason of my addressing to you this communication.

Mr. Andersons last date to you, it appears from the foreign letter book, was Apl 23 in which he acknowledged the recpt of yours of Oct. 1st. by the Walter, and of Nov. 14th. by the Florence. Yours of Jany 3. was handed us on the 20 inst. by Mr. Keesbury, who arrived safely and in good health on that day, having landed at New York. He will go next week to Brunswick, to visit, according to promise,

. Mrs Munsons friends: and then go to Andover and set himself down there to study. We are pleased with him, from the letter we have yet seen of him, and shall do what we can to render his residence in this country pleasant and profitable. =

The subject ~~of~~ to which your letter of Jany 2nd was principally devoted, was decided upon, by our Committee on the 16 of May last, by the adoption of the following resolution. [" Resolved that a Printing Establishment be sent to Singapore, as soon as a first rate Printer, acquainted with Stereotyping, can be sent with it!" We are a looking out for such a printer, and when we find one, with other requisite qualifications, shall send him by the first opportunity. The Committee came to this decision in consequence of communications from the missionaries at Canton, whose representations are fully confirmed to yours.

You and the other missionaries of the Board in South Eastern Asia will, therefore, understand that Singapore is to be the headquarters of your missionary operations in that part of the world, and govern yourselves accordingly. On the 11 inst we recd letters from Messrs. Bridgman, Tracy, & Williams, at Canton, informing ~~that~~ they purchased the Printing Establishment at Singapore. Our Committee have sanctioned this proceeding: and some time since, the Committee authorised Mr. Tracy to remove to Singapore; & there, we learn from the letters from Canton, Mr Robinson concluded to remain for a time, while Mr. Johnson went to Siam. Our Establishment at Singapore may, therefore we suppose, be considered commenced. The brethren at Canton have not informed us in their communications what quantity of various kinds of type is in the Establishment at Singapore, nor what labourers are attached to it. They refer us, for such particulars, to a

Communications from Mr. Thompson of Singapore, which they said would accompany their letter but which we have not received. We are, therefore, at some loss what to send to Singapore, and what to be providing. We hope we shall receive some more definite information soon. We consider South Eastern Asia as one of the most important and promising foreign mission fields, and we intend to push our operations there with all the vigor we shall be able to, having due regard to calls upon us from other parts of the evangelized world; and a large proportion of the young men looking forward to foreign missionary services, and now in the Seminaries and Colleges, and those of the first standing and character too, are setting their hearts upon the field. You may, therefore, expect a gradual, but steadily advancing increase of fellow laborers in that interesting field. And the Bible and Tract Society are directing much of their attention to the same quarter, and will make to it yearly, larger & larger appropriations; and, of the decidedly increasing missionary spirit in this country generally, much is fostered by what we hear from that region, and directing to it with deepening interest. You will lay your plans, and take your measures, with these facts in view; doing thoroughly, at the same time, every particular service and work in which you engage. Let there be deep and solid foundations laid; though your edifice may not, in consequence, seem to rise so rapidly as it otherwise might.

As to the question submitted in your last letters, whether you shall remove your families from Batavia to Singapore, the statements you make seem to indicate pretty clearly that you had better ~~move~~ remove; especially viewing those statements in connexion with the determination now made to make Singapore the head quarters of ~~your~~ our missionary operations in that part of the world. Our Committee have, therefore voted to authorize you, and you are hereby authorized, to remove your families to Singapore, if you shall deem it expedient. If you remove, it will be a question whether one of you, when you come to settle there, & some new missionary, or two or more new missionaries, had better be stationed at or near Batavia. On this, & all similar questions, you will give us your opinions, & the reasons of them, fully; & you will decide, when the circumstances will not admit of your first submitting the case to the Committee, according to the best of your judgment, availing yourselves, as you can, of the advice of your brethren, missionaries of the Board, and of such missionaries of other societies as you may think it well to consult. I have sometimes thought that it might be well for the Dutch brethren who, it is understood, you know, are to go out & establish a mission of the Board, organized according to the statements of the Reformed Dutch Church in this country, to go to the Island of Java, or some other territory, under the government of Holland. We cannot determine this till we see Mr Abeel. He has not yet arrived in this country; his health having been so poor since his arrival in England that he did not think it prudent to reach this country till in the summer. We expect him very soon. It is said to uncertain whether his health will admit of his resuming foreign missionary labors. If he does not, several Dutch brethren, two or three, will go out soon. You request that at least two of the members of the present Senior Classes in the Seminaries may be sent to your great field, I suppose you want, besides any Dutch brethren that may go. The wish will be gratified, and probably more than gratified; but those to leave the Seminaries this fall, destined to that field, will probably not go out till next summer.

The brethren at Canton, say, in their last letter, that it was expected that you would be at Singapore in August; & you speak of going there after visiting

Sumatra. I infer that your families were in at least tolerable health. Your friends here are well, as far as known to me. All connected with the Missionary Rooms, except Mr Anderson, are well. This will be taken to Singapore by Bradley, who, with his wife, goes out to join the mission to Siam. Miss White goes with him, to be married to Mr. Tracy. Remember me affectionately to your companions.

Yours with affection
B. B. Wisner

Rev. Samuel Munson. Batavia. Wrote him June 25. 1834. acknowledging the receipt of his sermon designed for a missionary paper, &c. D G.

Missionary Rooms Boston June 26. 1834

Messrs ~~Bingham~~ Bridgman. Tracy, E Williams. & Parker.
American Missionaries, Canton China

My dear brethren

I include Mr. Tracy's name in the address of this letter, altho' he will probably be gone to Singapore before it reaches Canton, because his name was attached to the letter to which it is chiefly in reply: and include Mr. Parker's name tho' not attached to that letter, because I expect he will have joined the mission before this reaches its destination.

Since my communication by the Morrison, of May 28, and Mr. Andersons short letter to Mr. Bridgman of June 3d by the Omega, your communications by the Sumatra, by the Horatio, & by the Roman, have been recd. How striking, and encouraging too, are the coincidences of Providence in regard to your mission, as they have been in regard to that at Ceylon, and some other missions of the Board! Mr Bridgman, in his letter of March 4th says, "We often wish that Mr Olyphant and some other such men were here to aid us". And before the letter containing this sentence had been received in this country, Mr. Olyphant had sailed to Canton, having gone as much to aid in missionary work for China, as to prosecute ~~mer~~ mercantile pursuits! On the 16th of May our Committee resolved to form a printing establishment at Singapore, and make that the place of most of their printing for their different missions in South-Eastern Asia. And on the 14th of June, a letter was recieved from you, stating that you had been offered on most advantageous terms, & had purchased, the Singapore mission "press" with "two presses" & "a complete set of Roman type, two sets of Malay, one of Arabic, one of Javanese, one of Siamese, one of Bugis; & foundary for casting the types for these languages".

Mr. Bridgman, in his letter already refered to, says "We need a physician here exceedingly. If measures have not already been taken to send one, it is the very urgent wish of us all that one be procured immediately". And in the Morrison had gone, just before, Mr Olyphant and, Mr. Parker, who is not only a Rev, but also a M.D. has besides attending two courses of medical lectures under peculiar advantages, seen much practice, and has taken with him surgical instruments and a good supply of medicine! "Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord." And they shall have to sustain them in their trials and duties, strong confidence in his support and blessing.

Your joint communication and Mr Thompson's & Mr Robinson's & Mr Williams' letter, in relation to the purchase of the press, were all read before the Committee on the 25 inst. There was also read at the same time a letter from Messrs Munson & Lyman, dated at Batavia Jany 2. 1834, giving several reasons in favour of making Singapore the head-quarter of our missionary operations in South Eastern Asia. The result was the adoption by our Committee of the following preamble and resolutions:

"The following letters were read to the Committee, viz. a letter dated Jany 11. 1834, from the Rev. M Thompson, missionary of the London Missionary Society at

Singampore, to the Revd E. C. Bridgman, missionary of the Board at Canton, offering to sell to this Board "The Singampore Mission Press" - (being the property of several individuals in whose behalf Mr Thomson was authorised to act) at $1500: - also a letter to Mr Bridgman dated Singampore Jany 14. 1834 from the Rev Chas Robinson, missionary of this Board to Siam, then at Singapore, giving an account of the Printing establishment, & strongly recommending its purchase by the Board. also a joint letter, dated Canton March 1st 1834, from the Rev Messrs E. C. Bridgman and Ira Tracy & Mr S. Wells Williams, Missionaries of this Board at Canton, stating that they had accepted the proposals of Mr Thompson in behalf of the Board and requesting the approbation by the Prudential Committee of the proceeding; Wherefore

Resolved, that in the circumstances of the case, the Missionaries of the Board at Canton were justified for and in behalf of the Board, of the Revd M. Thomsen, "the Singapore Mission Press", and that the proceeding be, & it hereby is approved.

"Whereas the Laws and Regulations of the Board, Sect. 6. Paragraph 2d prohibits missionaries ~~of~~ and agents of the Board from purchasing real estate without the express provision of the Prudential Committee previously obtained; & whereas it may be important to the successful prosecution of the work contemplated by this Board at Singampore, in connexion with the Press, that land and buildings there should be owned by the Board for the accommodation of the Printing establishment of the Board. And it may also be important to make a purchase of such land and buildings before express permission to do so could be applied for and be obtained from this country; - therefore

"Resolved that if, the missionaries of the Board at Singampore and Canton should find it necessary to purchase land & buildings at Singampore for the accommodation of the Printing establishment of the Board there, they be authorised to do so in behalf of the Board, at a reasonable expense, provided the proceeding shall be approved by the Revd. Dr. Morrison & D. W. C. Olyphant Esqr.

"Resolved that the treasurer be authorised to draw on Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. of London, in favor of the Revd. Ira Tracy for three hundred pounds Sterling, for the purchase of the Mission Press at Singapore.

"Resolved that Messrs. Saml. Munson & Henry Lyman, Missionaries of the Board of South Eastern Asia be authorised to remove the residence of their families from Batavia to Singapore, if they shall judge expedient." —

The last resolution was passed in consequence of a request from Messrs. Munson & Lyman in their letter of Jany. 2nd.

Mr. Tracy's name was put in the vote authorising the treasurer to draw for funds to pay for "the Singapore Mission Press," because it was supposed he will, most probably, be at Singapore when the vessel that carries this arrives there.

In regard to the ~~regulations~~ resolution respecting the purchase of land and buildings for the accommodation of the establishment, you will understand, that the Committee wishes not to own any real estate in connexion with its missions, where it can be avoided without serious detriment to the great object. If you can get the land and buildings in which the establishment has been, or those owned by Dr. Morrison, & they will accommodate the establishment, on a lease for a term of years and at a rate at all reasonable, the Committee would prefer your taking that course to your purchasing. If you have occasion to consult Dr. Morrison and Mr Olyphant on the subject you will put them in possession of these views of the Committee. If you and they, with these views of the Committee before you, shall think it best to purchase, you will do so. Whether you can get a title at Singapore for the Board, I can't judge. It is an incorporated institution of the State of Massachusetts, expressly authorised to hold real estate. Perhaps legal and seal evidence of this will be required, before you can get a title for it at Singapore. If so, & you are under the necessity of purchasing, you will send for it, telling us precisely what it must be, & we will furnish it. In regard to this matter you will, of course, take legal advice, and have the property secured, if you purchase, to the object and the Society for which it shall be purchased.

In regard to the printing establishment at Singapore, you have given us no information in relation to men to work it, whether there are now men attached to it, whom you design to continue in the service, or whether you want men sent from this country. I suppose the next communication from you will bring us these details. Mr Williams, indeed, in his letter of Feby 27th says "we have deemed it advisable to write to you on the importance of obtaining the efficient aid of a first rate type cutter & founder." But he says nothing about a printer or printers for the establishment at Singapore. In consequence of the determination of the Committee to form a printing establishment at Singapore, we had begun to make inquiries for "a first rate printer, acquainted with stereotyping," to send out with such an establishment. We hardly know whether or not to prosecute these inquiries. We shall probably do so, however, but confer with persons on the subject conditionally, in expectation of more definite information in regard to it from you. If you have not sent it before this reaches you, let it be sent as soon as possible. We wish to know accurately, what is wanted, of men & other things, to put and keep the printing establishment at Singapore in efficient operation. The spirit of missions waked and walking up in this country especially as directed by South Eastern Asia, and the means that will be furnished by the Bible & Tract Societies for printing the Scriptures and Tracts and the additional labors from this country that will be entering that great field, will require that business at that establishment, & at yours at Canton, be prosecuted with vigor; & that without unnecessary delay —

I have read Mr Dyer's publication about Chinese moveable types, including his circular, inserted in the Repository for Feb. last. But I cannot feel that it is at all to be compared in importance with the stereotyping of Chinese from their wooden blocks, which has now been found to be perfectly practicable. And other minds, I find, are similarly impressed on the subject. This morning I received a letter from Prof. Stewart of Andover enclosing the copy, which Mr Bridgman sent to him of Mr Dyer's circular. Prof. S. says, "The enclosed is more than answered by your new device in Boston" — meaning the stereotyping from the Chinese wooden blocks. I have no doubt that the printing of the Scriptures in Chinese, & of standard tracts and of other standard works, will be done, before long, chiefly if not altogether from stereotype plates. Moveable types may be desirable for transient works. And yet I have doubt about it, when I consider how extensive must be a Chinese fount; how liable to fall into errors a printer would be in setting up Chinese moveable types; & how easily by just pouring melted plaster of Paris over a Chinese wooden block, & then melted type metal into the mould thus got, stereotype plates, perfectly accurate, are obtained. But I may be all wrong on the subject, on which I profess to have very little knowledge. But whether China moveable types are to be cut or not, I take it a founder and cutter will be wanted at Singapore and we shall be looking out for one of suitable qualifications.

It appears from your last letters that you have begun to distribute tracts, to a small extent, in Canton & that you feel that the proceeding was attended with extreme hazard, not only of your personal security, but of your whole operations there being stopped & the whole establishment confiscated or sent off.—

What it is best for you to do at Canton, as it is a commercial establishment, & you are tolerated there by the government choosing to regard you as merchants & your printing & all other operations there will be stopped, probably, if you are taken notice of as offenders in any particular — I don't know; you must decide, in the exercise of a Christian discretion, after careful deliberation, & good advise, & much prayer. But that in giving the gospel to China, risks are to be run, & great risks, not only of particular operations being stoped, & of property in presses &c. being lost, & persecution endured, I have no doubt. This general subject was briefly discussed in the instructions to Mr. Parker, to which I refer you. The principles there laid down in regard to it are approved by our Committee, &, I believe, by judicious Christians generally who heard them.

Mr Abeel has not yet reached this country. On his arrival in England, his health was so poor, from pulmonary difficulties, that he did not feel it safe to venture across the Atlantic till the summer. It is doubtful whether he has health sufficient to return again to his missionary field of service.

I wish some of you, after full conference with each other with Messrs Stevens & Gutzlaff & Dr Morrison, to give us your opinion in regard to the expediency or inexpediency of missionaries to China being married, & the reasons on both sides of the question. We do not design to control any body on a subject in which feeling is so much concerned. But young men looking forward to the Missionary Service & to that field, are frequently asking for our judgment on the question, & the facts and the reasons on which it is founded; & we wish to be able to give them the facts & reasons on both sides, and then let them decide for themselves.

Remember me affectionately to Mr Olyphant & his daughter & Son, & to Dr & Mrs Gutzlaff. — I need not say to you that we hope and expect you will avail yourselves, as you can, of the valuable Counsel and aid of Mr Olyphant while he shall be with you. —

This will be carried to Singapore, by Dr Bradley, Missionary Physician of the Board to Siam, who, with his wife and Miss White, is to sail from this Port on Monday next, in Company with thirteen male and female Baptist missionaries to Bombay including Mr & Mrs Wade & the two Burman Converts who have been a while in this country — The vessel will land the Baptist brethren & sisters at Amherst, & then proceed to Singapore — There will go in it, as assistant Supercargo, Mr John Codman, Son of the Rev. D. Codman of Dorchester, not pious but as yet of good habits as far as known, to whom, if any of you should see him, I wish you to be specially attentive and kind. — The boy who goes as cabin boy of the Ship, has been the boy to do Errands &c. at the Missionary Rooms for a few years. Let him also be kindly noticed by any of you that may have the opportunity. His name is Samuel Kingsbury. The vessel may go from Singapore to Batavia & Canton. — Dr Bradley is an interesting young man, who has had very good medical and surgical advantages. His wife appears to be a fine young woman. Miss Whites health appears to be quite good. One of the Baptist ~~females~~ missionaries is a single female, who will occupy a State-room with Miss White. We hope and expect that Mr Tracy will be at Singapore when she arrives there. If he is not, she will remain there till he arrives. Dr Bradley is expected to go on to Siam as soon as shall be practicable.

In expectation of Mr Tracy's being found at

Singapore, I have addressed to him a brief separate letter, in which I have told him that he may open this and read it, if it finds him at Singapore, & then forward it to Canton. —

May the rich blessing of heaven rest upon you and your labors continually.

B. B. Wisner

P. S. The Memoir of Leang Afa has been recd but the likeness of him and his son which Mr. Bridgman said would accompany it has not yet come to hand. The letters by the Roman were sent on from N. York by mail; the likeness may yet come by private conveyance. I have read the Memoir, & am much pleased with it; & it will doubtless be interesting to the people.

Missionary Rooms Boston U. S. A. June 26. 1834

Rev. Ira Tracy
Singapore

My Dear Brother.

I address you at Singapore because I suppose this letter will find you there. And I congratulate you on the safe arrival there of the Miss White, because I trust that a kind Providence will have brought her there in safety when you read this. I rejoice with you on her restoration to so good health. May she prove to you a good wife. May the blessing of God rest on you both, & your union, & your labors for the conversion of the Heathen. Have her learn the language that will be most useful to her as a female missionary in that region, as soon as possible.

Accompanying this will go a letter addressed to you and the brethren at Canton. If this finds you at Singapore, open and read that letter, & forward it to Canton.

The Committee have given Munson & Lyman

permission to remove their families to Singapore if they shou
think it expedient.

Your brother who was editor of the Boston Recorder, has again become editor of the Vermont Chronicle; & your brother who was recently editor of the Vermont Chronicle has become editor of the Boston Recorder on new and better terms than heretofore

In great haste truly yours
B. B. Wisner

Missionary Rooms Boston June 30. 1834

Rev. E. C. Bridgman, Canton China

My dear Brother

I forgot to mention in the general letter by this opportunity, that I wish you to send us a good number of images of Chinese idols, of small size, several of the same; with description of each kind. We want them for our agents, and for the numerous Societies of Inquiry on Missions in the Theological Seminaries & Colleges throughout the Country, who are eagerly requesting them will be useful: here they will do good. Put them up carefully.

Truly Yours
B. B. Wisner

~~Missionary Rooms Boston July. 3. 1834~~

~~Mr. N. S. Richardson.~~
~~Yale College New Haven Ct.~~

~~Dear Sir~~

~~Your letter of March 24th was recd when I was absent, and therefore the books for the library of your Society of Inquiry were not sent by Capt. Wiley who brought the letter. On my return in Apl, I saw and read the letter & intended to answer it as soon as I had disposed of some other more pressing business that accumulated during my absence. While I was doing~~

this: the letter got hid among some other papers, and has, consequently, not come under my eye till to-day —

We will give you, a bound vol. containing our first ten reports and other documents, such subsequent reports as we have to spare — which will be all but one or two — And a number of Sermons printed for the Board. Just send for them by somebody who will take them to New Haven; or direct us how to send them, and they shall be picked out and sent —

In haste, truly yours,
B.B. Wisner

(in Domestic book (p.337)

Rev. Dr. Philip Cape Town Afr. Missionary Rooms Boston July 16. 1834

Rev. & Dear Sir,

Your favor of Jany. 26th and March 14th ult. & the accompanying parcel sent by Mr. Sibbald, were received on the 26th of May, as I was about commencing a journey into Canada for the recovery of my health, which has been somewhat impaired by too incessant confinement to the duties of my office. I should however have sent you a few lines by way of England without delay, ~~but~~ had I received your previous letter ~~by way~~ containing your reply to my inquiries. So late as the beginning of the present month, when I returned, (with improved health, through divine mercy,) it had not arrived. However, when I began to think it would do to wait no longer, on the 12th instant,* it came with the accompanying pamphlets and papers all safe; and yesterday I read the greater part of your two very acceptable & valuable letters to our Committee. Permit me, on their behalf, to thank you for your prompt and kind attention to our wishes and affairs, & for the interest you take in our plans & ~~means~~ measures for the propagation of the Gospel in the great unoccupied portion of South Africa. — I am sure I speak the truth when I say, that the ~~pro~~benefit of having your experience is no small inducement to enter the South African field of missionary labor* and to commence our operations with a considerable ~~favor~~ force. Experience has taught us the value in some measure, & indeed the indispensible necessity of experience in conducting missions. The New Testament furnishes the principles, & a great many facts ~~respecting~~ illustrating those principles; but then the circumstances under which the apostles labored were in so many respects widely different from those of missionaries among savage nations, & from all modern m~~ission~~aries, that the best method of conducting ~~correcting~~ missions is to a great extent to be determined by experience. The Chhs of our land are so slow to admit the fact, that I sometimes feel great anxiety lest we shall loose their confidence because so much of our labor is expended upon the foundations under ground. Our object, like yours, in South Africa, is to rear up Christian communities, furnished by means of a proper culture and through the ~~O~~ influence of the Holy Spirit, with all the elements of the soul's happiness and moral power. — But as I must now write you by way of England, I must not enlarge upon this topic, lest my letter grow too long.

Some months since, as perhaps I wrote you, our Committee resolved upon sending five missionaries to Port Natal, one of them conversant with the healing art. Yesterday, in view of the statements in your letter to me, they ~~dissolved~~ resolved the mission into two branches;—one for Port Natal and the people of Dingaan, the other for the interior nation under the gov't of Masalekatzi. Each of these branches, at the ~~instant~~ outset, will probably consist of ~~three~~ ~~ordained~~ married missionaries, one of whom (in ~~each~~ each company) we shall endeavor to have acquainted with surgery and medicine. In respect to artificers, we are much at a loss to know what to do. You recommend our taking them, but do not say how many, nor on what terms you would connect them with the mission. Our experience in the missions among the Indians has been in favor of employing them as hired men, rather than as assistant missionaries, where this can be done. Perhaps, by recurring again to your Researches, which we shall do, we shall learn more perfectly the nature of your practice, and whether you are able to hire able, trustworthy artisans in the colony. At any rate we shall send a carpenter with each of the missions. Additional ~~labors~~ laborers of any class can easily be sent at

a future time, in case they are found desirable. —
It seems that the exploring expedition was to leave Cape Town in ~~Apl~~ april. This strengthens our previous impression, that the mission had better leave this country about the close of the year. Our present plan is, to induce some vessel bound to the East Indies to take the whole company — stop at Cape Town — leave there the company designed for the interior — and then proceed to Port Natal with the other company. It may not be found practicable to do this, & it is not improbable that the company for Port Natal may make its first landing in Africa at the place of its final destination. The other will of course be sent to the Cape. — Your remarks on the subject of outfit, will enable us to provide for them pretty effectually, until they can take measures to provide for themselves. —

We feel greatly obliged by the full statement you have made of reasons in favor of a superintending missionary to reside in Cape Town. They are conclusive in proof of the great desirableness of such a missionary. We shall bring about such an arrangement at a future time, in case we find it practicable to obtain the suitable man for the station. Our experience in relation to ~~the~~ superintending missionaries, has been different from your own. We have had them in our missions among the Indians, and the plan has not worked happily. The principal instance of failure was where the Superintendent was pre-eminently fitted for his station, and was besides the senior of all the missionaries among the Indians. There was not indeed as urgent reasons in favor of the distinction in this case, as there are in the one you propose, and the circumstances were in some respect very different; but I strongly suspect we shall scarcely venture to give our missionary at Cape Town the title of Superintendant, but leave him to acquire an influence by means of his location, the kind offices he will have occasion to render to his brethren, and the tokens of trust & confidence he may occasionally receive from our Board. Recollect, my dear Sir, that, independantly of any extraordinary power of obtaining an ascendency over the minds of men with which God may have been pleased to endow you, you present very desirable and auspicious influence over the minds of your miſsionaries in South Africa has been acquired in circumstances in which the miſsionaries could not but feel most deeply their dependance on your guiding and protecting agency. These circumstances also, through a kind Providence, have ~~also~~ given you a conspicuous and eminent standing in the miſsionary affairs of South Africa, which entitles you to speak to your brethren ex cathedra, but which one superintendant could not attain. The blood of Englishmen & American is the same, & we inherited our jealousy of power from England fathers; and yet poſsibly there may be something in the extreme frequency of ~~your~~ our elections, which is peculiarly fitted to ~~influence~~ increase this, especially in New England, whence a considerable portion of our miſsions are obtained. The idea I have in my mind is this, that your succeſs does not certainly prove, that we can maintain an agency at Cape Town in all respects similar to yours.—

I hope our miſsionaries will reach Cape Town in Jan.y or Feb. We shall commend them to your paternal counsels and they will very greatfully receive them. It would be well for you to take some favorable opportunity for impreſsing upon them the desirableneſs of having the Board send out a judicious man to reside as a miſsionary at Cape Town. You will at once perceive the best manner of doing this, so that they will almost certainly recommend such a measure to the Committee.

So far as we can now judge, we have been much favored in our selection of miſsionaries for South Africa. They have all gone through a regular Collegiate and theological education ~~now generally organized of Presbyterian & Congregational ministers in this country~~. We find well ~~adapted~~ educated miſsionaries more willing to submit to direction & become all things to all men, than any others. I have not the least doubt that they will not only desire, but most thankfully receive, advice from you at all times. I earnestly entreat your counsel for them wherever you think you ~~it~~ can be of service to them. I foresee that we shall add to your cares and labors. I fear we shall sometimes make you feel that we are troublesome.—

We feel that your Society and ours ~~was~~ were made to cooperate. Yet until of late we have had more intercourse with the Church Miss. Socy. than with the London Miss. Society. With Mr. Ellis I ~~have~~ became intimately acquainted when here in this country, which is certainly a favorable circumstance in our official intercourse; And now Providence is beginning to throw our mission into near proximity in China, the Archapellago, & South Africa. May there never be any provocation except to love & good works.

I see no reason why the colonial government should be jealous of our Mission. In India, I believe, they are no longer so. We shall aim to be peaceable, and mind only our own business. The missionaries will bring a short official letter to the governor of the colony, — to be delivered, or not, as you shall advise.

Perhaps you may find it convenient to write me a few lines in reply to this by way of England, if there is no opportunity direct. I should much rejoice if you should answer reached me before our brethren leave us. ~~I am~~
I am dear Sir, most respectfully and truly yours,
R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston July 26. 1834

Rev. Jonas King & Elias Riggs
Greece

Dear Brethren,

In May I found my health run down, in consequence of a want of recreation and proper exercise, and (the first time in ten years) was obliged to take a journey for its restoration. I went to Saratoga, Montreal, & Quebec; and after my return, which was only in the present month, made my home in Newton, near the Western rail-road, about seven miles from the city, — where, in fact, I am now writing you, though my letter is dated, according to custom, at the Miss. Rooms.

While I was absent, one or two opportunities happened for sending letters to the Servant; but for a long time previous I had been looking in vain for them. I fear you will think I have strangely forgotten my brethren in Greece, but it is by no means the case. I hoped ere this to have given the name of some one who was going to your aid, according to the promise I have written, in the name of the Committee, some months ago. I have a very promising man in my eye, but dare not name him, as he has not yet decided between the conflicting claims of several fields, & we have been willing to decide for him. In due time the Lord will provide —

I have not the letter book to remind me when I last wrote, nor precisely to what effect. The letters in my files, which have upon them so much of having been acknowledged, are the following —

From Mr King: —

Letter dated Aug 13. 1833 Rec'd March 17/34 and accompanying the Laws of the Greek Government respecting the books, press, &c.

Letters dated Nov 15. 1833
" " " 16. 1833
" " " 28, "
Journal from March 23 to June 4. 1833.
" " July 4 to Nov 13 1833

From Mr Riggs
Letters dated Nov 2. 1833 Rec'd March 16. 1834
" 14 1833
" 15. 1833
Journal from Sept 12. to Nov. 4. 1833

Messrs King & Riggs: —
Letters dated Oct 25. 1833 Rec'd March 17/34 also plan of Schools at Athens. rec'd March 17/34
— Laws respecting the Church

The Laws concerning printing, works &c. *may* be construed so as very much to embarrass the operations of the friends of Greece in their endeavors to diffuse the blessings and knowledge of Xtianity thro' the country. To know what they really are, we must observe the manner of their enforcement! I am more and more impressed with the ~~duty~~ reality of the fact, that it is only where the Spirit of the Lord is that there is real liberty! May that Saviors spirit visit Greece, & give light and liberty, & joy to the people. I refer not, of course, to any particular form of govt but to a state of the mind which is inseparable to freedom in conduct. For ought I see, there may be as genuine liberties under a chief magistrate denominated a King, as under one called a President. I earnestly hope and pray that the government of Greece will allow nothing to be done to impede labors so disinterested, & so fitted to benefit the people, as your own. In the Lord will we put our trust, and not be afraid what man can do.

I am distressed by what you say of Niketopos. Must we give him up? The Lord grant him speedy and genuine repentance. The bishop who requested you circulate no more of the Malta books, I presume to be Talanted; if so, he acts in accordance with the character Mr. King me of him when I was at Africa.

I am exceedingly pleased with Mr King's remarks to the influential and intelligent Greeks at Napoli, who professed to have the truth taught in Greece by Greeks. [Who was this Greek? Do I know him? The remarks are so appropos and just, that I should have ventured upon their publication, had not the writer expressed a wish that they should not be made public. The *gospel* must at all events be published to every creature, whether governments, as such, are willing it should be, or not; — for this we have the command of Christ, and the sanction of apostolic example. Imprisonment, torture, death, every thing must be perilled, so that the Gospel may be made known, or at least accessable, to all mankind. At the same time, there is room left us for much discretion in the manner of making the publication; but I take it that the press is to be only *an accompany*ment of the living voice, powerful indeed, but not designed to supersede the labor of preaching in some form or other. —

You will readily suppose that I followed you with interest in your journey from Athens to Syra, Nauplia, Corinth, &c. I hope that ere this time you have been able to go farther into the Peloponnesus. Let your journey be full; give the mind free scope in writing. This, as I know, by experience, it is next to impossible to do in the circumstances of travellers in the East. You are in no danger of being too minute and full. Give us as many cautions as you please about publishing. I wish Mr King, who has been on the ground from the first would write me his own impressions as to the actual influence of missions in Greece thus far. I do not ask such a letter for publication, but for private, yet important use. He doubtless has opinions formed for his own gratification. I should be glad, also, to hear the impression which Mr Riggs has formed during his residence in the country. Perhaps you will give these when you answer the circular inquiries, which I sent you some time since.

Dear Brethren, be not ~~discouraged~~ disheartened. Preach the word with all becoming boldness. Trust in the Lord, & do good, and he will not disappoint your expectations. The trials which have befallen you have, I doubt not, been for the trial of your faith and ours. May they work the peaceable fruits of righteousness.

My health is now steadily improving, and I am pretty well; though I spend most of my time in writing and reading at home, going into town only twice a week. This I propose to do till the meeting of the Board.

It is a long time since I have received a letter from you, & yet, only a few days since, I rec'd letters from Smyrna, Const., & Syria. I hope to have some.

The books you requested have been sent, also the other articles.

Desiring affect. respects as usual to your wife,

I remain Yours affect. friend and brother,

R. Anderson

Miſsionary Rooms Boston July 28. 1834

Rev. Jonas King, }
Athens, Greece }

Dear Brother,

Soon after I had finished a letter of two sheets to yourself and brother Riggs, on the 26th (Saturday) — your very welcome letters of Jany 30. March 14 & Apl 4. & 6th were placed in my hands —

The books you requested, which have not been sent already, shall be forwarded immediately. I will also write to Mr Brigham about the Greek Testament as you suggested. —

The appointment which Dr Korck has recd. from the Greek govt. is certainly a very interesting occurrence. Please aſsure the Doctor of my best wishes for his succeſs. You are aware that the reason I have not written him for a good while is, that I was fearful of saying something, which might have been deemed improper by his society. I was too ignorant of facts, and not knowing exactly what to say in writing, thought it safe not to write at all till I have more light. I remember him with unabated interest.

You doubtleſs acted wisely in giving up your best teachers for the Govt. Seminaries. You will probably loose nothing in the end. I hear no one complain that the rate of expenditure in your govt. is too large. It is doubtleſs well to make a fair experiment, & thus far the Lord appears to crown your labors with a good degree of succeſs. I do not think, however, while the Greek govt. manifests the spirit which appears in its laws concerning education and religion, that it will be poſsible to secure in this century the patronage neceſsary to found a college at Athens. Indeed, I believe it would be impoſsible. Yet it is poſsible that your gymnasium is the germ of a College — the commencement of what may become a university. And that you may yet live to aid very much to aid in shaping the character of such an institution which will certainly exist at Athens, no long period hence. We must follow Providence, whether we can see safe before us, or not and it certainly appears to me that you have not lost the leading ~~spring~~ string, which is to conduct you through the labyrinth of Greek affairs.

With you and Mr Riggs, I am at a loss to guess what course the Greek govt. means to pursue, in respect to our efforts to diffuse the benefits of knowledge through the country. It would be mortifying to the friends of Greece to be obliged to confess, that our operations are less restrained in Turkey, than in liberated Greece. In determining what course you shall pursue I beg you will study apostolical examples. We must "fear God" — "honor the King" — "pray for such as are in authority" &c. As I understand the scriptures, it is our duty, where the people will not hear, to turn to others who will; but we cannot tell whether they will hear until we have given them an opportunity to refuse. Now suppose the govt. commanded you to desist entirely from speaking to the people in the name of Jesus, and from distributing the scriptures: — what ought you to do? What did the apostles? I ask this question that you may think of it, & pray over it. The govt. may abolish your school, though I hardly think they will; but — considering your residence of Greece, your public character, your citizenship, your claim to natural gratitude, the vantage ground God has given you. &c &c — I cannot think you ought to give up the simple publication of the Gospel and the distribution of the Holy scriptures, till you are forced to do so. The course you have pursued thus far has been universally respectful to the govt., disinterested, & judicious. And if the worst should come, & you should find the govt. determined to put an end to your labors as a minister of the Lord Jesus in Greece, I do not think you would do justice to Greece, without a very respectful, but vigorous & bold, expostulation with the govt. & people of Greece. I speak as an individual, and as a private friend. I think you must gird up the loins of your mind, to adventure much for the sake of introducing the Gospel into Greece. If you will do it, I will stand by you, as long as I live, so far as this country is concerned. If the people reject the Gospel, I have nothing to say; but it strikes me that the gov^t. must not shut out the light, without a very respectful, but at the same time, a plain and faithful, expostulation; — something like Gordon Hall's to the gov^t. of India. Though all men forsake you, I hope you will be very backward to give up the cause of the spiritual regeneration of Greece. No man can take this stand so well as yourself. Perhaps you were raised up for this very purpose. You will have much to suffer, should such an exigency come. You may perhaps lose your life. If you do, the churches will take care of your family. You will need heavenly wisdom, & may easily have it in abundance. You will need prudence, courage, firmness, & a martyr's spirit; but all these our Lord Jesus Christ, will give you, if he has raised you up for such a day as I have supposed. You will find Greeks who will stand by you in such circumstances, who will not come near you now.

Brother King, we must not give up Greece without a vigorous struggle for her spiritual illumination. This, however, must be made by a few, a very few. I have written this to you, rather than to brother Riggs, because you have been so long, and are so intimately acquainted with Greece, & have been so long and extensively known to the churches in that connexion. I have no doubt he will cheerfully & vigorously co-operate with you, if called to do so, & I beg that he may know the purport of this letter.

I have not time now to write such long letters. Be of good cheer; the Lord is with you of a truth.

Affectionate regards to Mrs King.

Most truly yours,

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Missionary Rooms Boston July 28, 1834

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R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms, Boston, July 28, 1834

Rev. Elias Riggs, }
Greece — }

My Dear Brother,

Just as I had finished

a letter of two sheets to yourself and brother King on Saturday (26th) I recd your letters of Jany. 31. & March 4th & 22d.

By this time you have probably recd a long letter I wrote, (I think on the 24th of Jany, but my letter book is not by me) in which were sundry resolutions of the Comt., proposing, among other things, a new station in the Peloponnesus. I am glad to find that you are taking decided measures to form such a station. At the same time I regret, that the circumstances of Greece seem to forbid our sending another miss. into the country at present.

I have read your letters to Mr Magie & to Presbytery, & shall forward them without delay. I think them rather too discouraging, & perhaps I may take the liberty of expressing some such opinion to Mr Magie. The Greek govt. are evidently taking measures with the express design of embarrassing the labors of missionaries; but if missionaries are enabled to pursue such a course as will on the whole convince itself to the consciences of the people, & can hold their ground for a time, these very efforts of govt. may have a reacting influence of a salutary nature. I have written Mr King very freely on this subject, and have requested him to show you the letter. At the proper time, I should be glad of your views in respect to the proper course for miss. in the case I have there supposed. We must keep in mind the fact constantly, that we are the Lords messengers; that will sustain us in the hour of trial.

I believe I have already congratulated you on the birth of your son. May he answer all the expectations of his fond parents.

I designed to have filled my sheet, but am constrained to stop short.

Affectionate regards to Mrs Riggs
I am dear brother
Most truly yours
R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston July 28. 1834

Rev. H. G. O. Dwight, Constantinople,

My dear Brother,

The first part of your tour round the Sea of Marmora was recd some time since. The continuation came to hand two days since. On the 13th inst. I recd your favor of Apl 11th & on the 26th yours of Feby. 7th and the list of books in your library belonging to the Board. Mr. Oscanean has not yet reached us.

I have handed Mr. Hill a memorandum of the rocking chairs you requested for yourself and Mr. Goodell, I presume they will go by the first opportunity. The New Edinburgh Encyclopædia has been purchased for Constantinople for 90 dollars in half Russia binding & I will see that the other books and the apparatus requested by yourself & Mr. Goodell are forwarded.

We have been somewhat at a loss with respect to the best locations of Mr. Adger & Mr Houston, particularly the former. I am not personally acquainted with either of them, but from brother Wisners account of Mr Adger, & from all I learn of him elsewhere, he seems to be peculiarly fitted to reside either at Smyrna or Constantinople. He is from Charlstown. S. C. is a man of talents, & a very good scholar, & his father, being a man of wealth, has provided him with a very large library. There seems to be an objection of multiplying the number of missionaries at either of these places just now. Yet there ought to be one other beside yourself studying the ancient Armenian, so that the death of one may not arrest the whole current of business and influence in that language, & so that one may occasionally superintend the press while the other attends to business in places remote from the seat of the press. On the whole, we have about concluded to advise Mr. Adger to reside at Smyrna or Constantinople, or at both places by turns, or as you and he may agree, & join with you in cultivating the ancient language of Armenia. Perhaps Mr. Houston will proceed on to Syria, but that is not yet determined. Should it be thought best to send a missionary to Scio, he may go there. I cannot doubt but you will greatly value Mr. Adger as an associate in labors, & we must run whatever risk there is from multiplying missionaries in Turkey. It is long since the tranquility of any part of the world was much endangered from that cause.

I write in haste, having many letters I wish to write. My health, which had run down, (for the first time these ten years,) is daily improving. I am not allowed to get much into the tide of business at the Rooms, but I have a great deal of writing to do before October.

Affectionate regard to Mrs Dwight

Most truly yours

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston July 28. 1834

Rev. Wm Goodell }
Constantinople }

My dear Brother,

On the 15th inst. I recd your letters dated Apl 5th 12th & 14th; & on the 26th those of Feby 1st 4th 24th & 26th & March 3d & 27th. I have read them with unusual pleasure, & with a mixture of wonder & hope as to what the Lord will do with Turkey. My interest has been the greater, because I have just now been reading pretty extensively ~~what~~ concerning the Mohammedans of Persia, preparatory to Mr. Merrick's mission. But where the cloud goes forward we must not stop to wonder.

One fear I have had all along. It has been that the churches would not have patience to pursue that plan of missionary operation which alone appears to be fitted to produce any great results among the Mohammedans and the degenerate churches of the East. Nay, I do not think that any of my brethren and associates at the Rooms (having never visited the Levant) enter fully into the peculiar nature of that plan, or the reasons for it. Knowing this fact, I have made a minute of the subject in my mem.-book of business for the Committee, just before receiving a copy of your letter to Mr. Thomson, dated Ap. 11th with a view of to some explanation and discussion, & preparatory to some correspondence on the subject. The point of difficulty was the supposed departures from apostolical precedent in the mission of the Levant; an undue attention to preparatory labors; too much caution & precaution in approaching the people; too much shrinking from notoriety; too little preaching & direct, ~~fixing~~ pressing of the Gospel upon the attention of the multitude; &c.

I admitted the constant danger we are always in of extremes on one side or the other, & that possibly you all erred on the side of caution, & might be in some peril of a timorous, time-serving habit of mind. But I remember our conference at Malta, & my own decided conviction when in the Levant, & had purposed to take time for full explanations so far as I was able to make them. Just at that time your letter came, & I gave it to the brethren Wisner & Greene to read. They were much pleased with it, & were desirous, as I was, that you would lose no time, but set down, and write out very fully your views as to the proper manner of pursuing a mission where you are, and the reasons in favor of that manner, rather than any other. Depend on it, we shall have to discuss this subject in the churches, though the time is not yet. I designed, however, to broach the general subject in the next Report, in connexion with the Sandwich Islands mission, where a very disproportionate attention has been given by the missions, as it would seem, to theological instruction. The dormant mind of an idolater must be approached by every ~~caution~~ avenue, & roused to thought, & taught to reflect, or more centuries will elapse before our work is done, than those which elapsed before the Roman empire became nominally christians. Does not God in his Providence permit us to improve upon apostolical missions, & is there not, in some respects, need of it?

Do not fail to write this letter soon; but first see that you have fallen into no extreme. It may indeed be well to ~~calculate~~ consult together, and pray over the subject.

before you begin to write at all upon a theme of so much importance.

My health is now daily improving. I hope hereafter to take more care of it. If I know myself my chief, inducement to desire ~~to~~ life is found in that glorious cause which demands the services of you and me while we live. But it seems necessary now, and then that we be shaken over the grave, that we may not forget how soon our work on earth will be brought to a close.

The books you requested, & the apparatus, shall be sent without delay.

Make the most of Paspati. I shall write him in reply to his letter, probably within a fortnight. Should he continue to inform his mind and heart, he may be more useful to his countrymen, than half a dozen foreigners can be.

Desiring affectionate regards to Mrs Goodell, I am most truly yours

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms, Boston July 28. 1834

Rev. Daniel Temple
Smyrna

My dear Brother,

Your welcome favor of the 30th of Apl was recd on the 15th inst. I thank you for the Report concerning the Press, which will be great us in the Report for the present year. I hope you will not fail to transmit a report from year to year, as soon after December as may be. Mr. Hallock, I have no doubt, will very cheerfully assist you in making it out.

In May I found myself quite run down in health, & took a journey to Canada: the first journey I have taken with reference to health ~~this~~ for ten years. I avoid as much as possible the tide of business at the Rooms, having my family in the country; but am getting better daily. I am not aware that I have any particular disease. Our times are in the hands of the Lord, and, blessed be his name, we need not be anxious to know how long we are to labor here, nor how soon we are to go hence to be here no more. May every admonition to think of death and the grave serve to quicken us in the performance of duty. —

I read your account of your interview with Mr. Brewer to the Committee. Perhaps you are not aware that Mr. Brewer had requested the Western Foreign Missionary Society to send a mission to Smyrna. The representations you made to Mr. Brewer were undoubtedly correct. The sending of ~~one~~ our press to Smyrna is no interference with Mr Brewer. As an individual, (& he does not now appear to be connected with any society). he will find ample scope for his labors, & while he pursues a reasonable course we shall not wish to interfere with him, & shall always be glad to be at peace with him, & to aid him with books, if he is disposed to make use of them. Your feelings and those of the Committee and of all at the Rooms entirely harmonize in respect to Mr. Brewer. However we all feel that very little regard should be paid to such of his feelings as are opposed to reason; but that in the spirit of meekness & kindness, it will be best for you to go forward and establish schools in unoccupied ground, just as if he were not at Smyrna. Perhaps there will be no better way to live on tolerable terms with him, than to have him feel that you have come there to operate in good concert. Possible his better feelings may ~~will~~ become interested. Of course we all wish he may be aided in doing good to the utmost. That he will ever have different views and feelings in respect to the Board, is not probable.

The brethren in Syria will be authorized to employ Carabet, in case they can do so with advantage to the mission. Perhaps his afflictions & his return to Syria may be of great use to him. —

Mr. Hallock is a man whose mind is so active, that he needs constant occupation, & it is doubtless well to give some scope to his genius. We shall ultimately need to attach foundrys to our large printing establishment, & what he is doing, besides being gratifying to himself, will not be wholly lost, & perhaps may prove of essential benefit. —

In what I said in one of my letters about the danger of employing the press unduly in printing books of a secular nature, was not designed, to express an opinion unfavorable to the multiplication of school books. At the outset of every mission, these books are essential. The people must be educated, or the Gospel will never will take strong hold of communities, as such. The chief usefulness of our press in Mediterranean has perhaps been through the medium of school books, & its usefulness has been very great. —

I shall have occasion to write you again before the sailing of the vessel. Meanwhile, desiring affect. regard to Mrs. T. I remain most truly yours

July 29. About the 20th of next month we expect four missionaries to embark for Smyrna: — Mr. Merrick for Persia, Mr. Pease for Cyprus, Mr. Houston perhaps for Scio, & Mr. Adger I rather think for Smyrna or Constantinople, with a view to his becoming an associate of Mr. Dwight in the ancient Armenian. Do not be alarmed at this multitude of missionaries. What if the Churches should wake up in earnest to the conversion of the world? Smyrna would become the great highway to the East, & there would be great alarm in the dwelling places of the enemy. Any thing like success in one place will assuredly provoke wrath & opposition, in whatever part of the benighted world we may be. We will endeavor, however, to avoid all needless occasions of offence and trouble.

We shall send you the New Edinburgh Encyclopedia by the next vessel. Do you need any apparatus for your schools?

Is there any post in the neighborhood of Philadelphia which might be occupied by a miſsionary with tolerable comfort and considerable advantage? If travelling suits you, perhaps you might think it well to take Mr Adger for a companion on a visit to Philadelphia, and poſsibly several others of the seven churches.

I should rejoice if we could occupy a convenient post in that quarter, or farther inland.

I am, Dear Brother truly yours,

Rufus Anderson

P. S. I propose writing to Mr. Hallock by this veſsel, if possible; but should she go on Wednesday, my letters may be delayed a week or two. —

Your favor of the 15th of May was recd. to-day, and read with the greatest interest. If we must have apathy or excitement to contend with, who would not choose the latter. In the midst of all how gratifying to know that the Lord reigns. Excitements every where attended the apostles, & were the tokens of their succeſs. However the brethren at Constantinople did well not to reply. —

Miſsionary Rooms Boston 2d July 1834

Mr. Homan Hallock
Smyrna

My dear Brother,

Yours of March 15th & Apl 21st was recd on the 15th inst. I handed Mr. Hill a memorand. of a patent lever watch, a stove, socks, comfortable, flannel, magnifying lens, &c. to be procured for you. He informed me that he had already sent you the watch: the residue will no doubt go in the veſsel which is to sail on the 20th. with miſsionaries for different parts of the Levant. —

I have also recieved the specimens of your armenian types. So far as I am judge by merely looking at the letters, you appear to have succeeded completely. We send the books which you and Mr Temple requested, & a bushel of plaster of Paris. The flour we have not sent, as we are informed it may be procured in Smyrna. You will of course take care that the order that you naturally and very properly have in these attempts at improvement in your profession, do not encroach on the time, strength, & health, which are due to other things. Remember the value of health, & (what I have myself been too apt to forget) the indispensable necessity of some daily relaxation in the open air, to retain it. Hearken to your good wife, especially on this point. — Do you think the time has come, or has nearly come, when a stereotype foundery is needed in connexion with our printing establishment? If I understand the case, there is scarcely a book or tract on your list, which any of you would be willing to send to the press for new editions without more or less alteration & improvements. It, is, however, the design of the Committee to connect type-casting & stereotyping with all their printing establishments just as fast as they seem to be required.

I should be glad of a free expression of your views in respect to the various improvements, which might be made (mechanical, &c) in our printing establishments in the Mediterranean. If there are any suggestions relative to the press & your own connexion with it, which you would prefer we should make to Mr. Temple, rather than make them to him yourself, let me know what they are, & I will do my best towards rendering you as useful & as happy as possible in your important situation. It would be painful to learn hereafter, both to me & to him, that you had wished to say any thing to either of us, which you had not said. From passages in your letters, I sometimes fear this is the case. I beg you will talk freely to ~~me~~ Mr. Temple, & write freely to me. A free interchange of opinions on proper occasions, would be of use to you both, & would certainly conduce to your mutual happiness.

The press for binding, which you sent sometime since, was detained in the Custom House in consequence of some misunderstanding, & when it came to the Rooms my health had so run down (for the first time in ten years) as to make a journey necessary

The consequence has been that I have not examined it. I shall attend to it soon, according to your suggestions. Mr. Crocker told me, that he had known one on a similar principle tried, & for some reason it had gone into disuse.—

The maps you sent to this country some time ago — that beautiful map of Malta — have not sold well in Boston. How it is elsewhere, I do not know. The desire for geometrical knowledge is much less active in this country than I wish it was.—

It is very uncommon for voyagers on the deep to be afflicted as you & your family were on your way to Smyrna. I could not help rejoicing when you all "escaped safe to land". I trust that you and Mrs Hallock learned the lesson, whatever it was, ~~that~~ which the all wise Master of our lives designed to teach you by the sorrowful experience of that voyage.—

How does Mrs Hallock's school prosper? Let nothing discourage her. If she needs more apparatus, I will see it sent, if I know what it is.

My affectionate regards to her & to Mary &c.

Most truly yours

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston July 30. 1834

Rev Wm M Thomson, Syria

My dear Brother,

The Herald will inform you how far your interesting description of your journey in Palestine have been received. Your latest date is Dec. 10th. You had been sick, but, through divine mercy, was in great measure recovered. Your beloved partner, too, had been very severely and dangerously ill, but was permitted to rejoice with a mother's joy over a living and healthy son.—

Recent dates, as late as April 18th represent you & your family as having gone to Jerusalem. Of course the Lord must have visited you with his healing mercy; & long may you and your partner live to speak peace to Jerusalem—

By the way, give my hearty salutations to Mr. & Mrs. Nicholayson. I have seldom met with Christians in my travels, natives of foreign lands, for whom I contract so permanent an esteem. Mr. Nicholayson was more like a New England man in all respects, than any foreigner I ever saw. — I should be happy to receive a few lines from him as a memorial of our former acquaintance. A copy of the Herald sent to Syria is designed for him; also a copy of ~~the~~ our Report. —

For the first time in ten years my health run down this spring, so as to oblige me to take a journey. I have not yet recovered my full strength, & having much writing to do before the annual meeting of the Board, must beg you to excuse the brevity of my letter. The publications we send, with private letters, will give you the fact of chief interest.

Notwithstanding the present debasement of the Holy City, it is & it always will be, the most interest spot on earth. How many prayers will cluster upon the heads of miſsionaries in Jerusalem! Miſsionaries residing elsewhere may be overlooked as individual laborers, but not so in Jerusalem. This will humble, not elate you; & being surrounded by a great cloud of witneſses, may you run with patience the race set before you. —

Desiring affect. remembrance to Mrs. T.

I am most truly yours

R. Anderson

Miſsionary Rooms Boston July 30. 1834

To the Brethren, Bird, Smith,
& Whitney & Dodge, at
Beyroot Syria.

Dear Brethren,

Until this moment I had determined to write you singly, & perhaps I may be able to do so befor our new company of miſsionaries sail on the 20th prox°. For the first time in ten years, my health run down about two months since so as to oblige me to go a journey,

& I went into Canada. I am now daily recovering my strength, but have a great deal of writing, necessarily, to do before the meeting of the Board, & must deny myself more in respect to letters than I wish to do.–

The letters, to be ackd. from you, are the following viz

From Mr Bird:—
Letter dated Apl 29, 1834 including his copy to a Greek:
recd 29th inst.
From Mr Smith:—
Letters dated Malta, Nov. 18. 1833 also note from Mrs S.
" " " Dec 3. 1833 & Dec 9—
Alexandria. Jany — 4. 1834
Beyroot Feby — 4 1834
From Mr Whitney:— Dates Smyrna, Dec 9 & Feb 12
" Dr Dodge:— Dates Jany 8. & 11. 1834 —

I must treat on the second topic in your letter which demands attention in order, that is, in the order of your letters. On second thought, however, I will speak of them as I find most convenient in the haste of writing.—

We are sorry to learn, from Dr Dodge's letter, that Mrs Whitney's ill health is in part attributable to the cold damp house she has been obliged to live in. I brought the subject before the Committee on tuesday to know what could be done to remedy so great an evil. The Committee are averse to have much property in the shape of houses & lands in Syria. I was ~~advise~~ instructed to advise to the procuring of houses on tolerable long leases, & then expending such sums as the mission should deem reasonable in repairs. I hope you will all give speedy attention to this suggestion; for, after all, it may be feared that you will be exposed to very many influences unfavorable to long life. You will perceive that the extent of the repairing is referred to the united judgment of the mission. You can easily determine the best mode of ascertaining what this judgment is, in the particular cases which require attention. We suppose there will be no danger of any more expense than will be ~~nef~~ necessary. The cost of the repairs will be regarded as a part of the rent; & if suitable houses can be procured in this way, the Committee are decidedly of the opinion that it will be better to pay a considerable rent, than to purchase or build. If there are cases where the mission think that houses ought to be purchased, or built, you cannot too soon apprise the Committee of the facts.—

I have thought a good deal about Mr. Bird's Children:— what are his prospective plans concerning them; what can be done to aid the parents in their education &c. The following points have been lately decided by the Committee concerning the Sand. Isl. & Indian missions; & for aught I see, they are applicable to the missionaries in the Mediterranean, so long as fixed salaries are not given.—

1. That a reasonable allowance be ~~given~~ made to the Board for the expense of the childrens removal from his parents to the place of his education in this country.

2. That in addition to this $50. a year may be allowed by the Committee for a boy & 40 $ for a girl: it being understood, that the allowance shall cease when they are eighteen years old; & that no more than three hundred dollars shall be given for the boy, & 240 for the girl.—

This arrangement has grown out of that made some years since, with the Ceylon mission, & proposed by them.— A very unexpected and gratifying dispensation has recently been developed in the cities to adopt the children of missionaries sent home for education, & educate them. We are restrained by the Laws & Regulations of the Board from becoming generous to the children, & it is probably well for the parents & the children, that we are. But if Mr. & Mrs. Bird are desirous of sending either of their children to this country for education, & have no friends to whom they can trust them until a guardian and quasi parent can be found, we will do what we can to find them a good home, & they may be addressed to us. I mention this as dernier resort; for, in case they are addressed to their relations, we shall expect to assist in finding them a home. It is desirable on many accounts that the responsibility of finding a home for the children come not upon us except when it appears to be necessary. We shall always feel a deep interest in the children, & do what we can for them: & I have a book in which the names of all who come to this country are entered, & the more important events in their subsequent history. We have been thinking how we can provide for Damascus. We suppose that Messrs Bird & Smith will reside near the press at Beyroot. Mr Thomson is at Jerusalem, & from some circumstances we have thought that Mr & Mrs Whitney, if they have sufficient health, might go to Jerusalem also. We have not known fully what the views and wishes of the mission would be in regard to Dr Dodge's location, but have supposed there might be preponderating reasons in favor of his going to Damascus. Last year the Rev Geo E. Adams, of Brunswick, Me, well known to Dr Dodge, decided in favor of going with his wife to Syria. A revival soon after commencing among his people shook this resolution. He would be a capital man for Syria, for Damascus, for any place; & yesterday I wrote him a letter, calling his attention again to Syria. What will be the issue I know not, but I hope in case he should go to Syria, that his lot may be cast in Damascus. We shall, however, endeavor not to commit the mission, or ourselves, on this point, because we know not what permanent arrangement for Damascus you may feel bound soon to make. Mr. Pease, from the ~~Andover~~ Auburn Sem. but has spent much ~~time~~ of the present year at

Andover will probably go to Beyroot, with the expectation of proceeding thence to Cyprus — a mission which may perhaps be properly regarded as an outpost of the Syria mission. He may probably remain some months at Beyroot, in case his time can be profitably spent in study there. What he most needs is moral discipline. Do him all the good you can, for he is thought by his friends to be well deserving of cultivation. —

Your letters by way of Liverpool have not arrived. They will probably get into the English post office, & will not get out again unless there is some one to pay the postage. As a general thing I would not advise to sending letters by way of England, unless you send duplicates by another conveyance. —

The intelligence of Mr & Mrs Smith's arrival at Alexandria, relieved us from some anxiety on their account; for we found they were exposed to the terrible storm which swept over the Mediterranean near the middle of Dec. —

Mr Smith's ~~direction~~ decision to proceed directly onward to Syria, seemed to us wise when we first heard of it. & the correctness of it has been confirmed by the events at Smyrna consequent on Mr Temple's arrival. We are glad to hear that the Arabic press has been ordered from Smyrna. We must go forward. We do not seem to be responsible for the excitement at Smyrna. However these excitements rather encourage the churches than otherwise. They prove that we are doing something; at least, so it strikes the churches. —

The maps & books requested by Mr Smith for Mr Glidden are, with one exception, sent to Beyroot by the present opportunity. Hey's Heralds have been regularly sent to Mr. Van Lennep of Smyrna, addressed to Mr. Glidden. Mr Smith's requests will be fully attended to. —

We feel sorry for Carabet, I beg you)

will tender to him & his wife my Christian salutation. The Committee authorize the mission to employ him, in case they can do so with advantage to the cause. He doubtless has some claims upon the mission, after all that has passed. The Committee will approve of any measures in respect to him & his family, which the mission on the whole deem to be expedient. The pledge, however, which Mr Whitney says he is anxious to receive, should not be given without the most weighty reasons, & whatever has a prospective bearing in relation to him & his family ought no doubt to be carefully guarded against misapprehension. In point of fact, I do not believe that his wife or children will be left to suffer, as long as they preserve a good character. God will take care of them, perhaps through the medium of the mission.

Mr Whitney suggests the expediency of a retreat for invalids on Mt Lebanon. I brought the subject before the Committee, but they do not see clearly what steps they are to take without more information, nor without some previous action, or expression of opinion, on the part of the mission. Until more decisive steps are taken by the mission, as such, the most you can do is to hire some house, for a limited time somewhere on the mountain. I say mission; — perhaps it may be necessary that you act as stations. If it be practicable, we should be glad to have the Syrian mission, as such, occasionally deliberate & act on subjects of general interest — as the Sand. Isl. mission does. In most cases, however, I suppose the Committee must be content with the united opinion of stations; — Beyroot for instance; but let us have joint opinions when they are practicable. —

My letter is longer, much, than I expected it would be, & yet I have said far less than I wish to say. I wished to say something about preaching in Arabic, but must defer it to a future opportunity. Affect. regards to all your brethren. May the

you enjoy the blessedness presence of the Saviour, & have holy fellowship with the spirit of love. —
We all remember you.

Most truly yours
R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston U. S. A. Aug. 15. 1834
Rev. W. Goodell. Constantinople

My dear Brother.

Mr. Anderson not being very well, tho better than for some time back, desires me to write to you for him. — He requests me to acknowledge the following communications from you: your letter of Dec 23. 1834 rec'd March 27. 1834; of Jany 28. & 30. 1834. rec'd Apl 1st & of Feby 24 rec'd July 26th also copies of your correspondence with ~~Co~~ Commodore Porter, & Dr Urquhart Esq. — in Jany. last, & also your & Messrs Schauffler & Dwight's letter to Mr Temple dated Jany 10th; all rec'd Apl. 1st — Our last date to you was, a letter from Mr. Anderson, July 28. — By the vessel which carries will be sent the books which you requested. —

In the vessel which carries this, the brig Pedang, Capt. Williams will go to Smyrna, the Rev. John B. Adger & wife, Rev. Saml. R. Houston & wife, Rev. Lorenzo W. Pease & wife, & Rev. James L. Merrick, missionaries of A.B.C.F.M destined to the countries in & around & beyond the Mediterranean. Mr. & Mrs. Adger are of Charleston S. C. Mr. A. a son of a wealthy and most respectable merchant in that city, lately become a pious man, who has given this son every advantage for intellectual culture, which he has well improved; he is of the Princeton Seminary. Mr. & ~~H~~ Mrs. Houston are of the State of Virginia; his father a Presbyterian clergyman in Rockbridge County, & very near the Natural Bridge: he is of the Union Sem. in Va. & was one year at Princeton, & taught two or three years in the Deaf & Dumb Asylum at Phila. after leaving college. Mr. & Mrs. Pease are both of Auburn N. Y.; he of the Semy there, having spent nearly a year after finishing his course, at Andover. — Mr. Merrick is a native of Monson, & a graduate of Amherst

College, Mass.. but has spent several years at the South and pursued his theological studies at the Sem'y at Columbia S.C. — They will prove, we think, a valuable company of missionaries. — Mr Adger is sent to labor especially to the Armenians, to reside at Smyrna or Constantinople, as the missionaries of the Board now in those places shall in concert with himself determine. — Mr Houston is to go to the Island of Scio. Mr Pease is first to repair to Beyroot, & at a suitable time, unless the B. shall advise another location to go to Cyprus. Mr Merrick goes to the Mohammedans of Persia, on whom his heart has long been intently fixed. —

We shall send out an assistant for Mr Schneider this fall, Mr Philander O. Powers of the present Senior class at Andover, whom Mr S. requested for his associate; & we *hope* to send at the same time a physician to be associated with Mr Perkins, but there is uncertainty about it, as the mother of the young lady to whom he is engaged is *now* strenuously opposed. — We expect to send an associate to Mr Johnston at Trebizond, from his — the Union Sem'y — in the spring. — and we hope soon to send a good man to go, with Dr Dodge perhaps to Damascus.

Remember me affectionately to Mrs G. & to your associates & their wives. —

(see a P.S. page 122) Truly yours

B. B. Wisner

Missionary Rooms Boston Aug 15. 1834

Rev. Wm G. Schauffler, Constantinople

My dear Brother,

I write you at the request of Mr Anderson, who, tho. better than he has been, is still feeble. — He desires me to acknowledge the receipt of the following communications from you: — your journal dated Nov. 13. 1833 rec'd July 25. 1834; — & your letters of Feby 25. Mar. 7. & Apl 14 all rec'd July 26. 1834. —

Soon after the receipt of the last communication from you, I wrote to the Sec'y of the Ladies Greek Association at New Haven, inquiring if the way was clear for us to appoint Mr Schauffler an assistant missionary of the

Board. On the 5th inst, I rec'd. from the Sec'y, an official notification, dated the 2nd inst. "that the connexion heretofore existing between Mrs. Schauffler (late Miss. Reynolds) and this Board [viz. of the New Haven Ladies Greek Association] was dissolved". — At the next meeting of our Prudential Committee it was,

"Resolved that Mrs. Schauffler, wife of the Rev. Wm. G. Schauffler missionary of the Board to the Jews of Turkey, be appointed an assistant missionary of the Board". —

Mr. Anderson has not mentioned any other topic which he wished me to advert to in my letter to you, & I have not time now to read over your communications above acknowledged. In a letter to Mr. Goodell I give an account of the reinforcement of your mission in and around the Mediterranean with which this letter will be sent. — Please present my regards to Mrs. Schauffler. Our last preceding date to you was June 9.

Affectionately yours B. B. Wisner

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Mr. A. G. Paspati. Constantinople.

My dear Christian Brother,

I trust, from a perusal of your letter to Mr. Anderson of March 19. rec'd July 26. & of some other letters of the missionary brethren with whom you are associated, written about the same time, that I may address you as a Christian brother. The Lord grant that you may prove when summoned to his presence, to have become a Christian indeed. Great, amazing change! What rich, boundless grace, that effects such a change! Be humble, my brother, distrustful of yourself, always feeling that you will certainly fall unless God helps you every moment, by his power; looking steadily unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of your Faith. — And may you, as a faithful Christian, & a messenger of divine mercy, be made eminently useful to your 'kinsmen according to the flesh,' to the cause of Christ in the world.

We were much interested in your account of the Island of Scio, in your letter of March 19. & in Mr. Goodell's corroborative statements in his letter which accompanied yours. And at a meeting of our Prudential Committee held July 29. it was "Resolved that a miſsionary station be established in the Island of Scio, in the Mediterranean, as soon a suitable miſsionary for the purpose can be obtained". — And now, in the veſsel which carries this letter to Smyrna, goes, with several others, a miſsionary and his wife, the Rev. Saml. R. Houston (pronounced as if spelled Hawston) & wife, designated to Scio. He is a man of fine talents well informed by a good education, & decided piety & a devoted spirit, who will, if we are not greatly disappointed, make a good miſsionary. May he be the means of great good to the Sciotes.

I write this short letter at the request of Mr. Anderson, who is not very well, & who unites in affectionate regards to you.

Truly yours —

B. B. Wisner

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Rev. Thos. P. Johnston,

My dear Brother,

I informed you in my letter to you of June 9th, that I had communicated to Mr. Balantine & Mr. Shane your request that one of these or some other miſsionary of Union Seminary, would come out and aſsociate himself with you at Trebizond. — Mr. Shane knows not when he will get away on a miſsion, as his friends oppose his going at all; & he means to go to South-eastern Asia. And Mr. Balantine will go to the Mahrattas of India. — I have latterly (after having seen & conversed with him fully, last spring, & since corresponded with him, about his miſsionary views) applied to G. W. Leyburn, of the present Senior claſs of the Union Seminary, (a Virginian whom you did not know, a fine fellow) to go & be aſsociated with you. I have not yet recd. his answer, but expect it will be in the affirmative, as his previous decision was to go to the Mediterranean. He will not go out till next summer. May he be a pleasant companion to you, & a help indeed in your great work —

In the veſsel which carries this to Smyrna go Rev. James L. Merrick, of Monson, Maſs. & of the Theol. Sem. at Columbia S. C. to the Mohammedans of Persia: Rev. John B. Adger and wife of Charlestown S. C. he of the Princeton Sem. to the Armenians: to reside at Smyrna or Constantinople as brethren there shall advise; Rev. Saml. R. Houston & wife of Virginia, he of the Union Sem. to the Island of Scio; & Rev. Lorenzo W. Pease & wife of Auburn N. Y. he of the Sem. there, first to Beyroot then to the Island of Cyprus. — Mr. Anderson desires me to acknowledge your letters of March 12. & July 26. — Remember me affectionately to Mrs. Johnston. — I direct this to Mr. Goodell's care, because I don't know whether it will find you yet at Constantinople

Truly yours
B. B. Wisner

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Rev. Benj. Schneider, Broosa.

My dear Brother,

I write, by an opportunity to Smyrna, to inform you, that, it has been contemplated that Mr Powers shall go out to join you this fall, about six or eight weeks after the anniversary at Andover, if a veſsel can be found at that time. He is much pleased with the prospect of being located at Broosa, & aſsociated with you. — May you and he be happy together and be the means of great good. —

Truly yours
B. B. Wisner

P. S. In the veſsel which carries this go Rev. James L. Merrick, of Monson Maſs. of Amherst College & the Theol. Sem. of Columbia S. C., to the Mohammedans of Persia; Rev. John B. Adger & wife, of Charleston S. C. he of the Princeton Seminary, to the Armenians, to reside at Smyrna or Constantinople as the brethren there shall advise; Rev. Saml. R. Houston & wife, of Virginia, he of the Union Seminary, to the Island of Scio; & Rev. Lorenzo W. Pease, of Auburn N. Y. he of the Seminary there, first to Beyroot, & then to Cyprus —

Mr Anderson desires me to acknowledge your letter of March 28. recd. July 26.—

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Rev. Jonas Perkins.

My dear Brother,

I regret being compelled, in improving this opportunity of writing to you, to state that the prospects are not as flattering as they were when I wrote to you on the 10th of June last, of Dr Worcester's coming out this fall to join you. When I wrote I had just recd. a letter from him, after having had correspondence & conference with him & the young lady to whom he is engaged, stating that they had concluded to go. But soon after I sent off my letter to you with the gratifying intelligence, another letter came from Dr. W. stating that the widowed mother of the young lady had assumed the attitude of decided opposition to their going; & in another letter of a later date, he represents her as still ~~[illegible]~~ unyielding. This has greatly distressed the Dr. & the young lady, who had got their hearts much set on going. What the issue will be I don't know. Unless the mother yields, they will not go this fall, & it may be at no future time.— But the Lord is directing all in wisdom & goodness. If Dr. W. fails us, we shall find & send some other as soon as possible.—

In the vessel which carries this to Smyrna, goes the Rev James L. Merrick (of whom I spoke in my last) missionary to the Mohammedans of Persia. He will probably remain in Constantinople thro. the next winter. There go also, in the same vessel, Mr. & Mrs Adger of S. C. he of the Princeton Sem.y to the Armenians, to reside at Smyrna or Constantinople as the brethren in the place shall advise: Mr & Mrs Houston of Virginia, he of the Union Seminary, to the Island of Scio: & Mr & Mrs Pease, both of Auburn N. Y. he of the Seminary there, first to Beyroot and then to the Island of Cyprus.—

Mr Anderson, who is not very well, desires me to acknowledge the receipt of the following communications from you; of Nov. 10 & 14, 1833, received Apl 1. 1834; of Dec 3. 1833, recd March 19. 1834; of Dec 23. 1833 recd Mar. 27. 1834; & Jany. 8. 1834, recd Mar 27 & of Feby. 18 recd July 15.—

Truly Yours.

B. B. Wisner

P. S. to a letter page 116 — The instructions to Mr. Houston written by Mr. Anderson and approved by the Committee, contained the following sentences. "Mr. Paspati, whose representations were the principal causes of your mission, will doubtless rejoice to come from Constantinople, in case the brethren of that station can spare his services for a season, to accompany you on this visit to his native isle; and it be that he may ultimately become associated with you. The subject of his future residence, however, is one of common interest to the whole mission, and nothing should be done with a view to his removal from Constantinople, except with the concurrence of the mission". — I transcribe this, that you may be early informed on the subject, & prepared whether it will be best that Mr. Paspati had better go down to Smyrna and accompany Mr Houston to Scio. ——

Miss. Rooms Boston Aug 18. 1834

Mr. Richd Van Lennep }
Smyrna

My dear Sir,

I was absent on a journey ~~when~~ for the benefit of my health when Gustavus sailed for Smyrna, & therefore did not write by him. I trust he will have safely arrived among his friends before this reaches you. We shall continue to feel a deep interest in his welfare, & I beg you will assure him of my best wishes, & tell him that I hope he will write me.

I was at Amherst a week ago, and spent two days in that place. I went there to attend a missionary meeting in the college chapel, with particular reference to Mr. Merrick, who proceeds to Smyrna in the Padang, and is destined to Persia. I saw your brother Henry repeatedly, made many inquiries about him of his instructors, and advised him on a variety of subjects. All agree that Henry is an excellent scholar, and sustains a very pure and lovely character. I found it necessary to admonish him kindly, but seriously, on two points, which I desire you will mention to his mother, that she may write to him on the same. ① He is in some danger of injuring his health, by an aversion to active exercise. It is the common failing of students, against which they need to be cautioned continually. ② He is not enough inclined to mingle with his fellow students. On the subject of mingling with worldly society, he is perhaps on the opposite extreme from Gustavus. His is the safest course; but still extremes should be avoided. We must go into the world, if we would do it any good; and it is possible to mingle with the world, & yet keep our garments unspotted. We must seek for grace from on high to do this. I talked a good deal with Henry on this subject, and told him he must associate more with his fellow students, cultivate a cheerful religion, and by practice acquire the power of going into the world, and at the same time preserve his spiritual affections pure in the sight of God. Prof. Worcister, with whom he boards, & who has the immediate guardianship of him while at college, has the same views with myself on this point, and will exert a good influence upon him. The Prof. is himself a very cheerful christian, and I have entire confidence in his integrity and judgement. Tell your mother she need not feel any great anxiety on this subject. Henry is at the farthest possible distance from any thing like moroseness, nor does he appear at all melancholly or depressed in spirits. But I think he had some mistaken ~~notions~~ views as to the best manner of forming a complete and useful Christian character, which time and the blessing of God on the advice of friends will correct. Nowhere in our country, is completeness of christian character more likely to be obtained, than during a course of education at Amherst College and the Andover Theological Seminary. I hope you will write him freely on the subject of religion, as well as upon the usual matters of busineſs. I trust your mother, also, will write him often on this, as well as on other subjects. He is a most delightful son and brother, and a very promising young man.

I advise that your pecuniary transactions with him be through Henry Hill Esqr our Treasurer. Whatever Mr. Hill pays on his account, can be refunded to Mr. Temple. I shall be happy to sustain the relation of his guardian, as far as I am able to do any thing for his benefit. Should we all live till next spring, I shall probably advise to his spending a part of his vacation in Boston, to bring him more into concert with the world. The expense will not be much, but the advantage to him will be great. His vacation this autumn will be spent, in part, at Hartford. At a future time, he might accompany some judicious friend to the Saratoga Springs and spend a few days there, in the season when they are most crowded. I know not exactly what his annual expenses will be, but they cannot fall much short of two hundred dollars, for clothes and all other things. I am sure he will have very few needleſs expenses, & Prof. Worcester will be very judicious & exact in this respect.

On the whole I decidedly approve of the course he is pursuing, with the exceptions just mentioned, and hope you will encourage him to persevere.

I commend to the kind attentions of your respected uncle and yourself, the Rev. Meſsrs. Merrick, Adger, Houston & Fraser miſsionaries of the Board, who go out in the Pedang for different parts of Western Asia. Please say, that I have received the letter from your house, dated May 3d.

Very truly, yours

R. Anderson

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Rev. H. G. O. Dwight,
Constantinople

My dear Brother,

Not yet having re- sufficient strength to write the letters which must go by by the Pedang, in addition to the Instructions of the several brethren who go in her, brother Wisner has kindly assisted me. He was desirous, however, that I ~~will~~ should write you respecting Mr Adger. I mentioned him to you in a letter which went a fortnight since. He is the son of a gentleman of wealth in Charlestown S.C. & I have no doubt is a man of talents, well educated, and uncommonly promising in respect to piety, natural disposition, address &c &c. He has a large and valuable library. He is to be associated with you in the cultivation of the armenian language; and an associate is provided for you on the ground that, in this world of disease and death, it is not wise to permit an important series of labors depend entirely on the life of one man. He will reside either in Smyrna or at Constantinople; but whether you or he shall reside at Smyrna in immediate contact with the press, or whether he shall reside with you for a season at Constantinople; is left to be decided by the brethren of the two cities. He is a man whom you will value, & doubt not you will foster him as a brother beloved.

You will all help Mr Merrick all you can. The nature of his mission will be learned from his Instructions. He has long had this mission in view. I wish we could find an associate for him.—

I hope we shall be able to send a physician this fall for the Nestorian mission.

Tell brother Schauffler that I approve of his marriage most cordially, and wish him and his partner great joy. She has been appointed one of our number by the Committee, as brother Wisner has doubtless informed him, Henry Van Lennep, whom he commends to my notice, has been my ward ever since he came to this country, and is a pious, very promising young man.—

We hear there has been a Greek Storm at Constple, but have not the particulars. Such events, except when they grow out of their imprudence (as was not the case in the present instance) give me little anxiety. They denote success, and they are very apt to promote it. The papers will inform you of a storm we have recently had in our quiet region, which completely demolished the Catholic Convent in Charlestown. What will be the effect, remains to be seen.

I wish brother Goodell to lose no time in giving us the views he communicated to Mr. Thomas, much more extended.

We send a telescope, microscope, electrical machine &c. By the next vessel I will see that a variety of apparatus for experiments is sent, but I cannot find time and vigor to attend to it promptly now. You can probably determine where they belong.

Desiring affect. remembrance to Mrs. Dwight and all the brethren and their wives, I am most truly yours

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Aug 19. 1834

Mr. David Nasmith
Glasgow Scotland.

My dear Friend & Brother,

Your letter of Feb 26th with the accompanying parcel, was recd on the 19th of May. Just about that time I broke down under the pressure of labor, & was obliged to absent myself from the city, on a journey which I extended as far as Quebec in Canada. Since my return, I have restricted myself to less than half of my usual labors; but, through divine mercy, am getting better, and have the prospect of restored health. May you be wiser than I have been, and not allow the ardor of business to carry you beyond the strength of your constitution.

The documents, which accompany this, & which will be sent through the hands of Mr. George M. Tracy, our agent New York city, will place at your command a great many facts concerning the Indian tribes with the territories of the United States. Among these documents are a volume containing a reprint of our first Ten Reports, (which I beg you will have the goodness to place in some one of your permanent Libraries,) together with such of our subsequent Reports, including the last, as we can spare, and a number of pamphlets. I believe Mr. Colton, an American now in London, has lately published ~~a~~ a volume in England, embodying a journal of his visit to some Indian tribes in the northwestern territory. The late Reports of our Board, and the last two volumes of the Miss. Herald, contain much information concerning the Indians. The Church Missionary Register will tell you about the Indians in the British territories above the great Lakes.

My strong impression is, that the efforts of your society had better be directed towards the Indian tribes in some part of the British territories — I am prepared to say precisely where. An enterprising & judicious missionary might very probably be entrusted with a survey of the ground, before this point is fully decided. The stations of various american societies have so multiplied among the Indians of the U. S. that you would be at a loss where to place your mission in our territories the danger of a seeming interloper. The Canadian Indians are almost entirely neglected except by the Roman Catholics. — In the parts of Mexico, bordering on the U. S. there are said to be numerous Indians, whose condition ought speedily to be inquired into by somebody.

You inquire what salary should be given to a missionary among the Indians? We do not give specific salaries to our missionaries among the Indians, but pay their expenses, whatever they may be. An annual or semi-annual amount of this expense, is, however, required. These expenses vary ~~annually~~ according to circumstances. They may vary for a family from 300 to 500. dollars. Should he be sent to Canada he could obtain most of his outfit in Montreal. and it would correspond in many respects to that of the traders; I mean as to clothing &c.

I should advise that you do not undertake a miſsion among the N. A. Indians, unleſs two miſsionaries are prepared to associate for the purpose. Our Savior sent two & two. Paul seldom travelled alone; & experience have shown the extreme danger of failure in miſsions undertaken by a solitary individual.

I will see that the Miſs. Herald is sent you; also some of our miſsionary Papers.

May the Lord be pleased, my dear brothers, to guide and aſsist you by his Holy Spirit, & render you eminently useful to his cause. May I feel aſsured of your prayers! I am truly yours in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.—

R. Anderson

Miſs. Rooms Boston Aug 20. 1834

Rev. Meſsrs Bird, Smith & Whitney, & Dr Dodge
Beyroot Syria,

Dear Brethren,

I write you at the request of Mr. Anderson, who is not very well. The veſsel which carries this to Smyrna, will carry thither four additional miſsionaries for western Asia, three of them with wives; James L. Merrick, going to the Mohammedans of Persia, to remain at Constantinople till next spring; Saml. R. Houston & wife going to Scio; John B. Adger & wife going to the Armenians, to reside at Smyrna or Constantinople, as the brethren in those two cities shall advise, to Cyprus. Mr. Merrick is a native of Maſs. & a graduate of Amherst College, but studied divinity at the Theological Semy. at Columbia S. C; Mr. & Mrs. Houston are from Virginia, his father a Presbyterian clergyman near the Natural Bridge; his place of Thol. study the Union Semy. (Va.)

Mr. & Mrs. Adger are from Charlestown S.C. his father a very respectable and wealthy merchant there, his place of Theol. study - Princeton Mr. & Mrs. Pease are from Auburn N.Y., and in the Semy there he studied theology. — They are a fine company of missionaries, and will, with the divine blessing, greatly strengthen evangelical influence in those regions. — You will find Mr. & Mrs. Pease very amiable, & pious & devoted. They are both young and inexperienced, & will need your counsel, which you will find them ready to receive and follow. You will all love to contribute to their happiness & usefulness. —

We hope in the course of the fall to send out an associate for Mr. Schneider at Broosa, and in the spring one for Mr. Johnston at Trebizond; & this fall a physician to join Mr. Perkins among the Nestorians of Oormiah; & we have some expectations that Mr. Adams of Brunswick Me., will before long decide to become a foreign missionary, in which case we are thinking of sending him & Dr. Dodge, to Damascus. There is also a Mr. Benjamin in the present Senior Class at Andover, who will go out next spring, probably to Greece. — Next spring we shall again reinforce the Bombay & the Ceylon & the S.E. Asia mission. This fall we send a reinforcement to the Sandwich Islands, and to the Washington Islands; & a mission to western Africa, & a large one to S.E. Africa. — The good cause continues to advance in all its departments.

I heard the other day from Norwich Ct. Mrs. Smith's friends there were well as usual. She has been informed I suppose, that Mr. Dickinson has concluded to be a foreign missionary, & been appointed, & designated to China. He will go next spring.

~~Remember me of~~ Yours with much esteem

B. B. Wisner.

P.S. Mr. Thompson, in a letter written at Beyroot after his first visit to Jerusalem, requested a first rate female teacher to be sent to establish a female High School at Jerusalem. We thought that we had better wait, before moving in so ~~so~~ important a matter, till we learned how he got established at Jerusalem, and what were then the prospects as to such an establishment. —

Missionary Rooms Boston Aug 22. 1834

Rev. Daniel Temple, Smyrna.

My dear Brother,

This will introduce to you the Rev. Messrs. John B. Adger, & Saml. R. Houston, & Lorenzo W. Pease, & their wives, & the Rev. Jas. L. Merrick, who go as additional missionaries of the A.B.C.F.M. to the different countries and stations in Western Asia. Other letters will inform you more definitely concerning them, & the views of the Committee in regard to them. We commend them to your Christian affection and attention.—

We send by them, besides what is mentioned in the invoice of articles sent to you in this vessel, a box directed to Mr. Perkins, about 2 feet long 1 ft. wide, & 6 inches thick; & 1 set of Infant School cards, directed to yourself, in two bundles, one containing one card larger than the others containing Normal cards: both done up in brown paper.— These are not numbered.

Affect. yours

B.B. Wisner

Missionary Rooms Boston Aug 27. 1834

Rev. Wm. Ellis, For. Secy.
of the London Miss. Society
London

My dear Brother,

I wrote you on the 21st of March enclosing a long communication to you from the Sandwich Islands mission. I presume you have received these letters. That from our missionaries contained a proposition, growing out of the small number of the inhabitants in the Marquesas Islands, that either your Society, or ours, should occupy the whole group. From the circumstances of the case we thought it best to forward this communication, and say that we would either retire altogether from the group, or occupy the whole.— At the same time, we regretted exceedingly that our instructions not to commence a mission in the Washington Islands, had not arrived in season to prevent Messrs Alexander, Armstrong, and Parker from proceeding to Nuuhiva. —

Day before yesterday I rec'd a letter from these brethren, dated at Honolulu, May 13th stating that they had just returned to that place with their families. The letter was rather hastily written, on the hour of their arrival, to come over land. Of course they had relinquished the mission. The reasons for this measure are briefly stated. It appeared that they explored the three Islands of the western group, to some extent, and found only a small number of inhabitants. These were scattered in the villages, which were separated by almost impassable ridges; so that if the missionaries resided together at Massachusetts Bay, their direct instructions and influence would be restricted to almost 1,000 souls found in the valley at the head of the Bay. The inhabitants of the different valleys were also perpetually at war, rendering it highly dangerous going from valley to valley; & there was no probability that it would be otherwise till idolatry, which was the grand cause of the wars, should be abolished. It was found too, — indeed it was known at the outset — that the expense of sustaining the mission would be very great, owing to the difficulty of providing the mission with supplies.

On the whole, our brethren appear to have come, unanimously & decidedly to the opinion, that there was more demand, & far better prospects, for their labors at the Sandwich, than at the Marquesas Islands. They sailed from Nuuhiva on the 4th of April. Their arrival at that island was in the August previous. So far as we know they were kindly treated by the natives ~~while they were~~ during there residence at Massachusetts Bay. —

I hasten to give you this information, & to say that we hope your society will be able, in consequence of your greater ~~familiarities~~ facilities of access to the Marquesas, to publish the gospel through the whole group. The fact of our missionaries returning to the Sandwich Islands.

must have been speedily known in the Society Islands, as most of their effects were sent by way of Tahiti. We shall be more careful in future not to get into your way in the south Pacific. If you see danger of it at any time I depend on your giving us warning.

My health has not been good this summer. I hope, however, to be revived, and restored by the cool autumn. I missed seeing Messrs. Reed & Matheson in consequence of my illness. Their visit among us has been very acceptable & useful. Our venerable Yale College has been so carried away by the common sentiment toward them, as to call them both Rabbi —

Most truly yours
R. Anderson

Miss. Rooms Boston Sept 5 1834 —

To the Missionaries of the A.B.C.F.M.
at the Sandwich Islands. —

Dear Brethren,

My last letter addressed to the mission generally, were dated Oct 30th & Dec 18th 1833. Nov 1st I addressed a few lines to Mr Bingham & also to Mrs Thurston. Dec 17th & 20th I wrote to Mr Chamberlain; Dec. 18th to Mr Richards, Mr Andrews & Mr Whitney; Dec. 19th to Mr Ruggles & Mr Hitchcock. On the 7th of May I addressed a short letter by the Rasselas to Mr Bingham. About that time I began to feel the effects of severe confinement to labor, & soon after was compelled to relax almost entirely & take a journey to Montreal & Quebeck in Canada. I believe not a single vessel was known to us as sailing to the islands the four first months of the year. In June, while I was absent, the Velocity sailed from Boston. By her, Dr. Wisner was so good as to write you a number of subject which we deemed it important. This letter was dated June 23 —

I desire to be grateful to the author of all good for the prospect of returning health & strength. By avoiding in great measure hurry, interruption, excitement, & extreme fatigue, to which we are subject at the Rooms, I am able to do a good deal of writing at my house: & as the cool weather comes on, find myself ~~bracing~~ bracing up for my usual course of duty. I desire your prayers that this admonition of my heavenly Father with respect to the shortness of time, & the uncertainty of health and life, may be remembered and deeply felt, & thoroughly sanctified to my soul.—

Just now, I have as much as I can do, & probably more, to prepare that part of the Report for the annual meeting, which devolves on me. I must therefore defer most of the topics on which I propose to write you, for a vessel which is expected to sail a few weeks hence. This letter goes by the Schooner Honduras, which is expected to sail on monday next; & its principle design is to acknowledge the letters which have been rec'd from you, & to communicate some resolutions of the Pru. Com. which will be interesting to the mission.—

The joint letters, etc, to be acknowledged are the following, viz:

1. General letter dated July 1. 1833. with the printed Minutes of your general meeting 2. copies.—
2. Letter on the return of Mr. Fuller, dated Nov. 28. 1833.
3. Letter respecting the return of Mrs Ruggles. dated Jany 6. 1834 (at Oahu) and Nov 9. 1833. from Hawaii.—
4. Letter from Messrs Thurston & Bishop. dated Sept. 20. 1833.
5. Letter from Lahaina. dated Nov. 30. 1833.—
6. Letter from Messrs Baldwin & Lyons. dated Oct 26. 1833.
7. Letter from Messrs. Dibble, & Lyman & Goodrich. dated Oct 30, 1833.
8. Letter from Messrs. Alexander, Armstrong, & Parker dated June 26. 1833.
9. Messrs. Green & Tinker dated Oct 19. 1833—

; Letter from Hilo. dated March 28. 1834.

10. Instructions to departure to Washington Islands.—
11. Report of Deputation (duplicate)
12. Catalogue of books belonging to the Board in the hands of different missionaries. Dec. 1833—

Of letters from individuals, not yet acknowledged, there are the following, which I mention in the order they met my eye on file viz. —

1. Letter from D. Finlayson Esq. to Mr. ~~Bridgman~~ Binghams dated Honolulu, Jany 20. 1834. recd Sept. 4th.
2. Mr. Binghams letter to Mr. F. in reply to dated Jany 24 —
3. Mr. " " " Roanns. dated Feb. 4. & 5. 1834 —
4 " Chamberlains " s " .. " Aug 29th Dec 3 - 23 - 1833. Jany 4th May 9. 1834 —
5. Dr. Judds dated oct 23. & list of his private Library.
6. Dr Chapin dated " 6 1833 —
7. Mr. Andrews essay on the best manner for conducting schools at the islands also letter dated Nov. 15. 1833
8. Mr. Whitney journal of his visit to the South Seas (already ackd)
9. Mrs. Lucy Thurston. D. sept. 19. 1833
10. Mr Bishop " Nov. 12 "
11 " Green " Dec 6 "
12 " Gulick. " Jany 25. Aug. 22. Nov. 25th Extracts from an Essay on the manner of promoting a revival of religion in the islands. Journal from Dec 11th 1832. to July 10. 1833.
13. Mr. Parker, dated. Apl 27. & May 6. 1833. Aug 21. 1833 at Washington Islands —
14. Mr. Armstrongs list of Library. Letter dated June 24 1833. Aug 21st. Journal of voyage to Washington Island
15. Mr. Emerson. dated Nov 25. 1833 —
16. Mr. Smith " Oct 24. Nov 25. 1833 also Apl. 25. & May 7th 1833 —
17. Mr. Dibble's Pictures on Mr. Stewarts visit to the South Seas. Letter dated June 20. 1833. —
18. Mr. Tinker dated Oct. 23. 1833
19. " Forbs. not dated written probably in Nov. & Dec 1833 —
20. Letters from Mr Ruggles. & Mr Fuller. —
21. Mr. Alexander dated at sea & at Washington Isl. Aug 3. to Aug 18. 1833 —

We have also recd the joint letter from our brethren who went to the Washington Islands, dated Honolulu

May 13, 1834, informing us that they felt bound in duty to relinquish the mission! We think they did right in returning to the Sandwich Islands. They did right also in going to the M. Isl, considering all the circumstances of the case; tho we heard of the commencement of the mission with some regret, as you no doubt inferred we should do, on receiving letters from the Rooms which reached the Isl. after their departure. We had the greatest difficulty in getting supplies to them. A vessel from New London which sailed in March was persuaded to take a few articles, & in June a considerable amount was sent in the Velocity which sailed from this port. Not finding the mission at Nuuhiva, the ship may be expected to land the stores ultimately at Honolulu. I presume Mr. Hill will write Mr. Chamberlain on the subject. Our brethren from the M. Isl, need give themselves no concern lest the cause, or their own ~~responsibilities~~ reputation, should suffer by the failure of this enterprise. They have done their duty, & now may go cheerfully & quietly to work in the larger & riper field of the Sand. Isls.—

You naturally feel much solicitude with respect to your dear children. I sometime since wrote to you, that the principles which had been settled in reference to the return of the Ceylon children to this country, were made applicable to your mission, the annual sum necessary for the support of your children at the Islands, being estimated at $40. I have now some resolutions to report to you which will be still more acceptable: viz.

"Whereas the regulations heretofore adopted by the Board & published in the Missionary Herald, Vol. 17, p 28, in reference to the sending the children of missionaries of the Board to this country for education, do not apply in all their provisions, to the missions of the Board whose members do not receive stated annual allowances for their salary, the support of their children, etc. therefore,

"Resolved, that in concurrence with & in subordination to the principles and provisions of the Rules & Regulations of the Board, sect 5. Paragraph 9— the missionaries & assistant missionaries among the Indians tribes of this ~~country~~ continent, who prefer to have their children educated among their friends, receive the following allowances, if necessary, to aid them in accomplishing their object; viz,

"1st A sum adequate to defray the necessary travelling expenses of the child from the mission with which their parents are connected to the place where the children are to be educated

"2nd For each boy an annual sum not exceeding fifty dollars, the allowance not to be continued after the child is 18. years of age; & the whole sum allowed for any one boy not to exceed $200.–

3d For each girl an annual allowance not exceeding $40. the allowance not to continue after the child is 18. years of age; & the whole sum allowed for any one girl not to exceed $250.–

"Resolved, that while the present method of supporting the missionaries at the Sand. Isl. without stated annual allowances for salary, support of children &c. shall be continued the principles above stated be applied to the support of the children & members of that mission, whom their parents may find it necessary to send to this country for education."–

This is a more favorable arrangement, on the whole, for your children, than that, which was originally proposed by the Ceylon missionaries for their children, & agreed to by the Board. It is probable that the Board, at its next meeting, will make it, or something like it, applicable to all the missions without exceptions, that there may be a uniform system, & all may stand on the same footing so far as the Board is concerned. Indeed the Committee so far as they have made grants to children in this country have made no distinction between the children from the different missions.–

We are much better able to speak now than we have heretofore been, as to the manner in which the churches will receive the children of their missionaries when sent to this country for education. We were somewhat surprised & exceedingly gratified, by the development of feeling occasioned by the arrival, in May last, of a considerable company of children with Mr. Winslow from Ceylon. An extensive and lively interest was taken in the welfare of the children, & no difficulty was found in procuring homes for them, & in most cases without the prospect ~~wit~~ of any charge to the Board. More, perhaps many more, could easily have been provided for, had they been at hand. This deep & practical interest (so to speak) may be expected to lose somewhat of its force as the novelty of such arrivals wear away; but I do not think there will be much difficulty in procuring homes for such of your children as you may think proper to send to this country. Of course you will avail yourselves as far as may be, of your personal friends. But if any of you have not personal friends, whom you dare trust to find homes & guardians for your children, you may commit that care to the Secretaries of the Board & we will do the best for them in our power. In all such cases, however, the wishes of the parents should be very fully expressed. In all cases, I hope the parents will inform us when their children are sent to this country, in what vessel, when the child was born, who is to be the guardian, &c. that I may enter the facts in a book I keep expressly for the children who are in this country. In most cases I have already the birth-day of your elder children. A number of children have been born since you filled the printed circular, in which I requested memorandums of yourselves & your children. Will not the ~~parent~~ have the goodness to send me the names of their children born since ~~that~~ time, with the times & places of their birth? The Memorandums you sent me, or rather copies of them, are bound up, & the names &c. of the children can easily be added. —

I will now communicate some other resolutions of the Pru. Com. in reference to your mission, adopted last evening: viz:

"Resolved, that an ~~assistant~~ associate be provided for Mr. Chamberlain in the management of the secular concerns of the mission, as soon as ~~the~~ suitable man for such a service can be found. —

"Resolved, that the Treasurer be authorized to send a small fount of Greek type for the Sand Isls. mission, & also the books in the Greek language which are requisite for making an experiment in teaching Greek in the High School at Lahaina, as proposed by the principle of the school in his letter of Nov. 15. 1835 ——

"Resolved that it is expedient to send a single female to the Sand Isls, with special reference to her being employed in connexion with the High School at Lahaina, as teacher of the wives of the pupils in the school.

"Resolved that the missionaries at the Sand. Isls. be instructed to make experiments, as soon & as thoroughly as may be, as to the practacability & usefulness of infant school instruction among the native children of the islands, & to report to the Committee what measures are expedient, if any, on the part of the Board, to facilitate the multiplication of those school in connexion with the several stations."

I hope the mission will give prompt and earnest attention to the subject of infant schools. The experience of Dr Philip in South Africa, as he writes us is most decidedly in favor of them. The apparatus necessary for them is to some extent at the islands already, & we shall send more in the course of the present autumn.

On the subject of a boarding school on the plan of those adopted by the Ceylon missionaries in the early stages of their mission, (if such schools are possible at the islands) I need say nothing at present in addition to what Dr Wisner wrote you in June. The children should be taken young, before their minds have been polluted beyond the reach of a radical reform; I mean before the character is in a measure formed. You remember the children in Ceylon generally came into the boarding schools quite young. I fear you would have great difficulty in obtaining children that are promising, & subjecting them to your exclusive control. If you cannot have boarding schools, there will be the more ~~same~~ need of doing the utmost with infant schools. Indeed the two seem to be both indispensable; — the boarding school, to educate your teachers in as pure a moral atmosphere as possible; & the infant school to preoccupy the general mind of the rising race, & thus cut short the work of moral reform in the nation.

In your High School you have commenced with ~~dault~~ adult married pupils. Probably this was necessary; but it is not the most natural method. As you are availing yourselves of the light of your past experience, & of the experience of your brethren in the South Seas, I hope that you will be sure that the commencement of your High School should be as far as possible, such as will not occasion regret hereafter. We have no fixed opinion. indeed I may say no opinion as to the most proper age for your pupils in the High School. If, however, you would prefer children & youth in your high school, under other circumstances, & have taken adults merely on account of the present exigency in your schooling system; it will be important for you to be preparing a considerable number of youth, if you can get them, to take the place of these adults in the High-School, when they are prepared to do their work among the people, & are sent out from the school. Ought not the class, which is to be thoroughly educated, to be taken at a much earlier age, than any now ~~[illegible]~~ in the school? I throw out these remarks merely for consideration.

I trust the mission feels the great responsibilities which rests upon it ~~not~~ to check the growing disposition in our country to supply the heathen world with the word of God. If you have not time & strength to ~~review~~ revise the Hawaiian New Testament immediately, why not print another edition without stopping for a thorough revision? If it was right to print & circulate the first edition, I do not see why similar considerations, with the almost clamorous importunity of our churches, will not authorize a second edition with such corrections as you can very speedily make in the revision; & then you can revise it more thoroughly at your leisure. The response from your mission in respect to the scriptures has not come up to the standard of feeling in our churches.

I have felt deep concern at the tenor of some of the private letters from some of the more recent members of your mission, which have appeared in the religious papers. The enemy can never write down your mission but members of the mission may easily do it. The direct tendency of some of these letters has been to deprive the mission of the sympathy & prayers of the people of God. I believe that some, perhaps all, of the brethren who have gone to the Islands within the two past years, have misapprehended to some extent, the state of public sentiment in this country, as regards the Sandw. Island mission. I judge so from the accounts which are given of their statements on the subject. We who are at the Rooms, are better situated to know what is the state of opinion and feeling in the community generally, with respect to our missions, than any body else; & we are persuaded there is no general misapprehension so great in respect to your mission, as to require any violent remedies. And it will be always disadvantageous for missionaries at your distance to apply the correcting hand directly. You hear how the evil was in the year 1834, (we will suppose) but your remedy cannot come till 1836; & before that time there may have been great changes in the public mind. Tis like a physician prescribing for a fever at the distance of five hundred miles. Give us the facts in such a case, & we will make the best use of them in our power.. —

My letter has grown to an unexpected length. The accounts we have lately received of your protracted meetings, & of hopeful conversions around you, & of the evidence you perceive that the Holy Spirit is present to assist and bless your labors, are cheering to our minds. Take cheerful views of your work, or you and the churches too, will go down in the bottomless gulf of despondency. The ~~[illegible]~~ ~~ground~~ grand error in the churches is not an over-estimate of the success of missions. The churches are most lamentably deficient in their estimate of what missions through the grace of God, have actually accomplished. Not that the past statements concerning the Sand. Islands have not in many cases been overdrawn; I believe they have been; though I do not now think of any one of the communications from the islands published by the Board, which was very faulty in that respect; & they were all, no doubt believed to be correct at the time, & were more correct at the time, than we may now be ready to admit. At any rate, desponding views of the work of God have this grand defect always. — they are more or less destitute of faith. Let us tell the truth, but always take care to ~~establish~~ exhibit it in its natural and cheerful relations, when we are speaking of God's work among the heathen. So the Apostles always contrived to exhibit it.

I write in great haste, & must close abruptly; with assurance of most affectionate & fraternal regards,
R. Anderson

Miss. Rooms Boston Sept. 6. 1834

To the Missionaries of the A.B.C.F.M.
at the Sandwich Islands.

Dear Brethren.

Mr. Anderson, to whom correspondence with the missionaries beyond sea specifically belongs, is at this time in feeble health, & mostly out of town. He has this morning sent in, to be copied & sent by the vessel to sail tomorrow or next day, a general letter, which you will receive with this. One of the topics adverted to by him, I see, in that letter, is the letters of individuals of your number to friends in this country, & which, many of them at least, are published. An occurrence this morning convinces Mr Greene & myself that the subject be brought to your consideration in some other aspect. Mr Anderson has adverted to the ~~aspects~~ representations, sent as above referred to, in regard to the state of things, particularly as to schools & congregations, at the Islands which might have been, in a measure, applicable to the state of feeling & sentiment in regard to the Sandwich Islands mission among the Churches in this country three years ago, but not now, when the letters are arriving here & being published. The most judicious Christians here are thinking, from reading the letters referred to, that some of the missionaries of the Islands have got into a desponding state, that they are discouraged to an extent which their own representation do not warrant, for the evils of reaction on which they dwell so much of late in their letters was just what was to be expected; & taken in their worst aspect, great good, very great, has been done, by the divine blessing, at the Sandwich Islands— A nation has had a written language given to it, & the word of God in that language, & thousands taught to read it, & all have heard the Gospel, & some been fitted for heaven & hundreds more brought under the sanctifying influences of the word & Spirit of God in preparation for heaven; & an influence set to work, which with diligent ~~nature~~ culture & the ordinary blessings of the Spirit, must, notwithstanding all the difficulties and obstacles, yet work for greater good. Christians of this class therefore, are, to some extent, surprised, not to say grieved, to find the private letters of the missionaries at the Islands published in this country, about this time & for a year past, dwelling so much upon their reverses and discouragements &c. And some, less intelligent & reflecting, are thinking, little or no good is doing at the Sandwich Islands after all.—

But there are other respects in which letters sent & published as mentioned have not been just what they should be, One, awhile ago, gave an account of the young King & of his conduct after he professed to assume the power, which if it went back to the Islands, & was shown to him, (as it ought to be calculated would be the case) would greatly have exasperated him, & perhaps seriously prejudiced the mission; & all this without its doing any manner of good here. And this morning we have seen in one of the religious papers, taken from another, a letter from one of your number, containing statements on yet another subject, which never ought to have been published & never made.— And these are not all the instances, nor all the classes of them.— But they are enough for my purpose, which is to turn your serious attention to the general subject. No representations ought to be made, in private letters to friends in this country, which it would not be wise & well to have published, & go back to those to whom they relate, unless necessity clearly calls for it. And when necessity does call for it, they should, in all cases, be accompanied with a charge not to be published. You should take it for granted, in all cases, that when such a charge is not given, what you write, will, most probably, be published; & if published, will, ~~last~~ Most probably, get back to those to whom it relates. In every case, you should act as if it would certainly be so.

Without finding fault with the miſsion, or with any of its members, for what is paſsed, in the particular referred to, let me expreſs to you the earnest wish — as my own not only, but of my aſsociates, & the members of the Committee, and several, at least — as I know — of other members of the Board, & of many judicious Christians not members of the Board, — that you will all be cautious in this respect. We do not wish to impose restraints upon you as to the freedom of correspondence with your friends in this country; we only wish you to conduct it, always, under the guidance of a sound discretion, a truly Christian prudence, in view of all the attending circumstances.

The Lord give, to you, & to us, & to all laboring for the promotion of his kingdom in the world, large measures of that 'wisdom from above' which is "pure, peaceable, gentle, & easy to be entreated, full of mercy & good fruits, without partiality & without hypocrisy"; & which "is profitable to direct" in all things. —

Very respectfully & affectionately yours
B. B. Wisner

Would it not be well to study the epistles of the New Testament, some of which were private letters afterwards published, with a view to learn how miſsionaries should conduct their correspondence, especially as relating to their circumstances & work as miſsionaries.

The apostles never complained of their fare, never of the treatment they rec^d^ of the Heathen around them, never of the circumstances & discouragements in which they were often placed — they had too much faith in God. They never wrote, or uttered that we can find, a word unfavorable to the government or governors, tho' worse never cursed the world; they were so satisfied that they were in the way of duty; they had such constant & lively faith in God, — that they felt these things, thought of them but little. — And the feelings & thoughts they had on such subjects, they kept to themselves. — And did they not do wisely & rightly in all this? Miſsionaries & the directors of miſsionaries ought to study the Acts and epistles much, just to learn how the Apostles conducted, by what principles they were governed, as miſsionaries; & to govern themselves by these principles. —

Miſs. Rooms Boston Sept. 5. 1834

Rev. Hiram Bingham,
Honolulu. Sand. Isl.

Dear Brother,

I have sent you a pretty long letter for the miſsion by the Honduras. Enclosed is the copy of a letter from the Phil^a Bible Society, & extracts from a letter to M^r Ellis respecting the miſsion to Marquesas.

In haste, but with affectionate regards to M^{rs} Bingham, most truly yours
R. Anderson

Miſs. Rooms Boston Sept 6 1834

Rev. Cochran Forbs Kaawaloa Hawaii,
Sandwich Islands

My dear Brother,

In the Western Recorder published at Utica N. Y. of Sept 2, rec'd this morning, I see, taken from the Presbyterian published at Phil^a, an extract from a letter from you to "A. B. Quay" of "Pittsburgh": a part of which is as follows — "The future prospects of our children here begin to alarm some, as the Board seem unwilling to make any proper allowance for their education & we cannot provide for it, as we get no salaries, but only our victuals & clothes, & even that frequently very scanty. We are ~~un~~willing to labor for nothing. But who does not feel for the welfare of his children? By the time we have spent fourteen years, & our children ought to be sent home for an education, our friends may be dead or scattered. They must go strangers to a strange land — pennyleſs, homeleſs & perhaps friendleſs. Where is the parent we have left at home in the full enjoyment of the comforts, that would not *feel*, were the prospects of all his children no better? How can a miſsionary send home his children to the care of a stranger, without any recompense, not knowing how coldly the hand of charity may be stretched out? He cannot. To keep them here would be only to ruin them. While they are kept, they are kept ~~from~~ at a distance from the natives & their language; for their very language & manner of daily expressing themselves is polluting. And there is no such thing a privacy here.—

You were, if I remember rightly, of the mission company in which were Dr. Chapin, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Alexander &c. which had their private farewell instructions from the Committee at my house. They were, I remember, very specially & minutely charged in reference to their correspondence with friends in this country; not to write certain things, & not to write any thing that ought not to be published unless it was necessary, & then, in all cases to accompany it with a charge not to publish it. These instructions must, I think, have been out of your mind when you wrote the letter from which the above extract was taken..—

If the statements were correct a little reflection will satisfy you, that they ought not to have been made as they were. If the Board did not provide sufficiently, always, for the comfortable support of its missionaries at the Sandwich Islands, leaving them "frequently" to a "very scanty" supply of "victuals & clothes", the fact should not have been communicated to friends in this country, much less published in the papers here, till it had been made known to the Committee & an opportunity given to remedy the evil. And if "the Board" had shown themselves "unwilling to make any proper allowance" for the children of the missionaries at the Islands, they should have been appealed to, & an effort made at least to get them to do better before their fault should have been proclaimed as extensively as the press could proclaim it.— And how calculated are such representations to deter persons from going on foreign missions; & thus to hinder the good work of evangelizing & saving the poor Heathen? They ought, clearly, therefore, to be made only in the last resort, after all efforts have been made to get ~~the~~ evil ~~remedied~~, removed but without success.

But the representations are not correct. The Committee certainly have never limited allowance to the Sandwich Islands missions so as to occasion their supply of "victuals & clothes" to be "frequently very scanty"! I presume the Steward — Mr. Chamberlain has never knowingly & designedly done so— And "the Board" have not shown themselves "unwilling to make any proper allowance for the children of their missionaries at the Sandwich Islands or elsewhere. On the contrary they have felt long and deep~~ly~~ anxiety on the subject, given to it much ~~and~~ anxious attention, & made arrangements to meet the necessity of the case. Previous to the meeting of the Board in 1830 the Pru. Com. had been, for some years, corresponding with their missionaries & with other similar societies on the subject, to learn what ought to be done. At the meeting of the Board that year, the Pru. Com. submitted the whole subject, with a specific plan for the Ceylon mission, the principles of which were to be applied to other missions as their circumstances admitted & required; to which the Board gave very deliberate and careful attention, & adopted the plan. See Miss. Herald for 1830. pp 363. 364. & for 1831. pp. 24–28. – And previous to that time and since, as children were sent to this country, the Committee have, when required, made grants for their support. Sometime ago, probably two years since, the Sandwich Islands mission were informed officially of all the proceedings in this business, and that the same principles would be applied to their children. And now, previously to my seeing the extract from your letter on which I am commenting, the Committee have again taken up the subject with special reference to the Sandwich Islands & prepared a proposition to be submitted to the Board at its next meeting, as you will be particularly informed in the general letter that accompanies this. How incorrect, then, to represent the Board as unwilling to make provision for the children of its missionaries! And in no particular have individual Christians, & maternal & other Associations, shown themselves more ready to help forward the cause. All the ten girls that came home from Ceylon last spring, & the two from Bombay, were immediately provided for, in the best manner, most of them adopted into the best Christian families; & more applications than there were children. And though it is expressly provided by the laws of the Board (& wisely so) that its officers shall not undertake the guardianship of the children sent home, yet we took much and great pains to have the children just referred to well located, & we should do the same in other cases when there were not

Conscious to do it. After all this, you will not wonder at my being grieved at seeing the statements quoted from your letter, published to the world. You did not, I suppose, expect them to be published. But did you take pains to guard against it? And ought they to have been made at all?

I have written this letter, not to find fault, but to caution you. A caution I wish you would extend to all your brethren.

Respectfully & Affectionately yours,
B. B. Wisner

Miss. Rooms Boston ~~Oct. 1.~~ Sept 30. 1834

Rev. Cyrus Stone, Secretary
of the Mahratta Mission.

My dear Brother,

We are all exceedingly pressed preparing for the meeting of the Board, at Utica, on the 8th proximo, for which some of us set off tomorrow, & the rest the next day. But we feel that it will not do to ~~tell~~ let this opportunity pass, by which we send you maga &c without sending you something in the form of a letter, though we have nothing particular to write. And of the numerous letters that have to be written just at this time of great pressure upon us, as vessels are going just about at this time by which we must write to our missions, I have agreed with Mr. Anderson to write to your mission. I am not able to state, what letters should now be acknowledged. Our last communications from you & your brethren we recd the first of this month.

We have all sympathized with you in the severe trial of the death of your beloved wife, which has doubtless been her great blessing. But how much reason have you to rejoice in having been blessed with such a wife, & in having such assurance that she has gone to heaven. The Lord sanctify it to you, & be the F. of your motherless children. As you know, I saw them several times, & had considerable to do with their being disposed of. Your brother the Dr. supports them & your sister teaches them. Elizabeth Waldo Stone is supported by Miss Elizabeth Waldo of Worcester; the other is supported by Maternal Association in New York. – They are lovely children. Much interest has been awakened among Christians extensively in their behalf; & no doubt many prayers ascend for them. I saw them last when the Dr. took them to N. Hamp. – We have also sympathized with your mission, in their bereavement, & in the repeated sickness of some of its members. Yet we are not discouraged about the mission. I have written the part of the Report this year wh. relates to it. And I feel, & the Com. feel, that we have encouragement to go on & prosecute the mission with vigor. Besides the reinforcement sent you last spring, wh. will have arrived, we trust, before this reaches you, we have appointed two more of superior talents & character, Mr. Balantine & Mr. Webster, who, we expect, will go out with wives next spring or summer. And we hope in the course of the winter or spring to appoint others for that mission who will leave the Seminary next fall. We shall remember too Mr. Sampson's request for a type founder & send one next spring, if we can get a suitable man.

We have ~~[illegible]~~ recd the ~~support~~ report of your mission for 1833. It has been a great help to us in making out our Report. I hope you will always endeavor to get it to us, from year to year, as soon after it is published as possible, that we may always have its aid in making out our report.

Affectionately yours
B. B. Wisner

P. S. We have recd nine numbers of the Evangelist.

Missionary Rooms Boston Sept 30. 1834

Rev. D. O. Allen Mahratta country India

My dear Brother,

Pressed as I am to get off to morrow to the meeting of the Board on the 8th inst at Utica. N. Y. & go thence to Cincinnati O. to be gone from two to three months, I must seize a moment to say to you the few things that follow.

We are all glad to hear, in May last, of your safe arrival in Bombay; & to learn from a letter from Mr Reed dated May 1st 1834, rec. on the 1st inst. that you had got into your very important work, having accompanied him, part of his tour from Ahmednuggur to the Hill to join Mrs Reed there. We feel more & more the importance of this intricacy. The Lord sustain you in the severe trials of it, & make you abundantly useful in it.

We thank you for your very useful and important letters, to me about the importance of missionaries getting the language of the people to whom they go thoroughly, & about the conduct of missionaries on board ships, going to their fields. Both have been, & will be, of essential service.

The other day your dear little boy & his foster mother called to see me at my room. They were both well. He looked finely, as neat as a new button, & very happy. The L. will keep & bless him.

We expect to send you two other missionaries, superior men, & a type founder, with their wives, next spring. All here join in affectionate remembrance to you.—

Very respectfully yours
B. B. Wisner

Miss. Rooms Boston Sept 30. 1834

Rev. Hollis Read. Ahmednuggur.

My dear Brother!

It so happens that, when we

are all pressed to the utmost, preparing for the meeting of the Board on the 8th proximo. Vessels are just sailing by which letters must be written to most of our missions. In these circumstances I have agreed with Mr. Anderson to write to the Bombay mission, or rather the Mahratta mission as we now call it.

Your letter of May 1st 1834, directed to me, was recd on the 1st. ~~ult~~ inst. I thank you for it. We have deeply sympathized with you in your personal trials & those of your good wife, in her sickness; & are very sorry that your last account of her was not more favorable. May the Lord sustain you both in your trials, sanctify them to you effectually, & permanently, & prepare you for His will in reference to the future. If you are compelled to part with Mrs Read to come here, I hope you & she will be prepared for that severe trial. You may both be comforted by the hope that it will be for her benefit; & she will be comfortable here among Christian friends, though tried in being separated from her husband. ~~to save her life,~~ Mrs Graves you know, some dozen years ago, came to this country without her husband, to save her life, & entirely recovered her health. The Lord take you and your companion into his holy keeping, & direct all concerning you in mercy.

We have sympathized with you too in the trials & blessings of your little church at Ahmednuggur. Tho' tried, the Lord sustains it, & we trust will sustain it, & bless it abundantly, & make it a great blessing. We are much interested in your missionary tours, especially your last of which we have heard, & of the journal of wh. we have recd ~~in~~ a part in the 8th & 9th nos. (the latest we have recd) of the Missionary Reporter. This is a very important part of missionary work.

We are very sorry you have difficulty in connexion with one of your brethren at Bombay. You say in your letter to me, that you wish the Com-had decided officially & formally about the trading in Scott's Bibles. They did so, long ago, when the mission expressly proposed the question whether the rule prohibiting trading was to be applied to selling books, such as Bibles &c., & the Com. replied that it was. - I hope my private letter to Mr. S. written on my own responsibility, had the desired effect. - And again you have had difficulty about your last report for 1833. which we have Recd. If the facts turn out to have been as you supposed them to ~~have been~~ be when you made the statement of the case in your letter to me, the mission ought to submit the matter to the Pru. Com. - with a full statement of the case, telling Mr. S. that you shall do so, that he may draw up a counter statement, if he sees fit. I think such a procedure would do good, & have a very important bearing on the future.

Before this reaches you, the reinforcement we sent you last spring, will we trust have arrived in safety. We have two other fine men, Mr. Balantine of the Union Seminary, Va. & Mr. Webster of Princeton, under appointment for your mission to go next spring. And in the course of the year, we shall appoint men. We intend to send you help as fast as we can get ~~the~~ that which is good..

Affectionately yours
B. B. Wisner

Missionary Rooms Boston Sept. 30. 1834

Rev. Ira Tracy,
Singapore

My dear Brother,

I am just on the point of setting out for the meeting of the Board in Utica, & am necessarily much pressed with the usual preparations for that meeting. The last letter to you was written by Dr Wisner on the 26th of June which conveyed to you the chosen partner of your missionary labors & joys. I wish you both joy in your marriage & many years of hard and useful labor together in the work of the Lord. The ship Timor, bound to Batavia, takes your pamphlets, ~~papers~~ letters &c, & others designed by the brethren Munson & Lyman, & those in Siam. We have rec'd the letters from the brethren Munson & Lyman, informing us of the intended departure for Padang, & from Mr Johnson describing his wearisome voyage to sea & back again to Singapore. It will be interesting to know why the Lord would not permit them to enter Siam just at that time. Please explain to the brethren why none of us write by the Timor. You will all bear us in mind at the annual meeting.

Most truly yours
R. Anderson

Miss. Rooms Boston Sept 30. 1834

Rev. E. C. Bridgman
Canton

My dear Brother,

I am just on the point of setting out for the annual meeting of the Board at Utica, & of course am very busily employed with the necessary preparation of Report &c. But the Timor is to sail, & I must write you a few lines. Mr Stoddard informs us that another vessel sailed a few days since direct for Canton, but so privately that he did not hear of her destination in time to get a letter on board. When vessels go from Boston, & bring nothing from us, you may presume we did not hear of them, or that some accident prevented our getting on board seasonably. I cannot promise much for the New York vessel, unless it be the Morrison or some such vessel.

The last letters to you were written by br. Wisner on the 28th of May & 30th of June. At the date of the first, I was on the point of commencing a journey for the restoration of my health, run down by the labor of the winter and spring. I went as far as Montreal & Quebec; through divine mercy I am now nearly well. — On further consulting the letter book, I find that Br. Wisner wrote at considerable length on the 26th of June to yourself & associates. I remarked also that I wrote a few lines on the 3d of that month.

There is scarcely any thing wh. needs to be added, now, even were there more time. You will see by the Herald & the following Report, that we think it necessary to caution the churches a little against being too sanguine with respect to the opening prospect of China; still we see enough to encourage us & you exceedingly to attempt and expect great things. Prayer, perseverance, & faith — with these we may expect the blessing of heaven, & then what shall withstand us?

But I must enlarge, there are other duties more pressing at this moment than any correspondence. —

The memoirs of Leang Afa, & the very interesting picture of him have been received. The former was printed before the latter came to hand. The memoirs picture of a Chinese pagoda, was recd in August; also, the duplicate of your ~~G~~ general letter of March 1st. Yours of March 28th was recd on the 4th inst. Your first letter to Mrs Porter of Andover I gave unsealed to Mr. Bardwell, with a request that he would exercise his discretion about placing it in her hands. He told me afterward, that he thought it was not expedient to deliver it: of course I have not delivered your second. She is a great deal bowed down ~~with~~ by her afflictions, & an appeal like yours might only give her pain. I hope you will write her a consolatory letter if it be but a line. —

Please say to Mr. Stevens that I have recd his favor of March 6th, & that we shall be happy to receive him into our association at the time he specifies. I wrote him some months since. Say also to Mr. Williams that I have rec'd his letters of March 15th & 28th. By this time Mr. Parker & Mr. Olyphant are probably with you; a very particular remembrance to them, & Mr. Stevens & Mrs Williams. Mr. Tracy no doubt has gone to Singapore, where, in another month, I trust he will meet his intended wife. — The Lord be with you.

Most truly yours
R. Anderson

P. S. Books pamphlets &c. go by the Timor.

We are at a loss what arrangements to make for the printing at Singapore. Ought another printer to be sent? If so, ought the two in south-eastern Asia to have separate departments; i.e. each have a certain number of languages? Or, must Mr. Williams remove ere long to Singapore? The earliest and best opinions are desirable.

Miss. Rooms Boston Oct 18 1834

Miss Elizabeth M. Hitchcock
Enfield Mass.

Dear Madam

A reply to yours of the 11th inst., has been delayed on account of the ~~other~~ attendance of the annual meeting of the Board at Utica from which I returned last evening. No definite arrangements have yet been made for conveying passengers to the Sandwich Islands; but we have such an understanding with some merchants, that we feel confident that we shall obtain a passage for all whom we wish to send, before the close of the year. You may therefore make your arrangements with the expectation of going to the islands before the close of the present year. The precise time is yet uncertain, but will probably be about the first of December. We will endeavor to give you seasonable notice —

D Greene

Missionary Rooms Boston Oct. 18. 1834

Rev. J. L. Wilson
Phila —

My dear Sir,

As I was leaving Utica [illegible] last week, Mrs Wisner requested me to inform you that, as you were to sail, (as she understood) from Phila. she did not purchase the large bedstead for you supposing it had better be purchased in Phila.

She also desired me to inquire on my return ~~if~~ to this place, whether the couches she had purchased for you had better be forwarded. — I have inquired of Mr Chapman, and learn that they have been made & in readiness for forwarding some days; but that as he had received no orders from any one & knew nothing respecting them, except what he learned from the ~~ma~~ maker, he did not feel at liberty to do any thing with them. We suppose now it is too late to send them by water, or indeed by any other conveyance if any other conveyance were suitable, and shall not, therefore, attempt to get them to you, presuming that you will have furnished yourself in some other manner.

David Greene

P.S. Please give my Christian regards to Mrs. Wilson. May the Lord protect and comfort and prosper both of you in your work, & cause your mission to be like the rising of the Sun of Righteousness on poor Africa.

D. G.

Miſs. Rooms Boston Oct 28. 1834

Dear Brother

I see by this morning paper that the Monsoon cleared yesterday for Canton. Hoping she may not yet have sailed, I write a few lines to send by her. She did not advertize and this is not seldom the case with vessels bound to ~~Canton~~ China. We do not hear of them till we see their clearing announced.

As I came through New York last week, I heard of a vessel on the point of sailing from that city, I could only request Mr. Tracy to send you papers & which he said he would do. Those papers would inform you concerning the meeting of the Board, which was the most interesting meeting we ever had. We had also a most interesting meeting at Phila Sabbath evening before the last in behalf of Western Africa.

I find numerous letters to be read on my return from an absence of nearly 4 weeks. Of the Canton letters have had ~~time to read~~ only time ~~to read~~ yet to read Mr. Bridgmans of Apl. 14 The letter to Mr. Hallock has been forwarded. After we get off our missionaries to the Sand. Is. & Eastern Africa in Nov. & Dec. I mean to write fewer documents, & more letters, My health is again through divine mercy pretty good. Hope to write to you at length on several subjects.

Our hands are very full of business, but we remember you affectionately. & I am as ever most truly yours; & I desire also to be very affectionately remembered to Mr. Olyphant. Dr. Morrison & Mr Gutzlaff, & to Mr. Stevens whom we shall gladly welcome into our number at the proper time.

R. Anderson

Rev. E. C. Bridgman
Rev. Peter Parker
Mr. S. Wells Williams

Miſsionary Rooms Boston Nov. 3. 1834

Rev. W. H. Pearce
Calcutta

Rev. & Dear Sir,

Circumstances have rendered it expedient ~~that~~ for the Rev. Alonzo C. Hall and wife to proceed to Ceylon by way of Calcutta. They expect to be able to leave Calcutta for Madras, or for Ceylon direct, before the commencement of the S. W. Monsoon. Any aſsistance you may be able to render them in procuring suitable lodgings while detained at Calcutta, & in securing a speedy paſsage to the field to which they are destined, will be thankfully received by them and gratefully acknowledged by

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel
R. Anderson

Miſsionary Rooms Boston Nov. 3. 1834

To the Rev. Alanson C. Hall,
Miſsy. to Ceylon.

Dear Brother,

We believe that all needful ~~acknowledgments~~ arrangements have been made for your paſsage on board the Georgian. Your paſsage will be paid by Mr. Hill. The bill of two hundred pounds you take to Calcutta, will provide for your expenses at that place and for your paſsage to Madras & Ceylon direct. A paſsage to Colombo, & perhaps to Trincomalee, is to be preferred to a paſsage to Madras.

I have given you two open letters of introduction, — one to the Rev. W. H. Pearce, son, I believe, of the excellent Samuel Pearce of England whose memoir you must have seen, & the other to miſsionaries of the London Miſsionary Society. I have also written to Mr. Pearce another letter in answer to one I received from him, in which

I have particularly commended you to his kind advise and aid. He has long been our firm and judicious friend, & if you send any letters up the river, it should be those to Mr. Pearce. He will do what he can for your comfort and assistance.

You had better be a *boarder* while at Calcutta, as we do not wish to weary the hospitality of our good friends there.

If you do not leave Calcutta soon after your arrival, you will probably be detained there a number of months. One of your first inquiries should be for vessel bound down the coast to Ceylon. If you cannot go to a port in Ceylon, go to Madrass. Mr. Pearce will be able to advise you.

Cultivate the acquaintance of the Missionaries of the London Society. Mr. Gogerly was very kind to Mr. Sampson.

Should you be detained in Calcutta some time, which we trust will not be the case, you should endeavor to find a teacher in the Tamul language. Books may doubtless be found. The language should be the first object for yourself & wife. If you do not get strong hold of it the first year, you will not probably ever be skillful in it.

Write me particularly from Calcutta — about your voyage, your companions, your reception at Calcutta, your residence there, your manner of spending your time, your state of mind in view of your situation and prospects, your prospects &c.

I regret that I have had no more time to see you; but the absence of Dr. Wisner, the sickness in Mr. Greene's family, confining him at home a great deal, the accumulations of business arising from my own absence of nearly a month, the necessary and pressing arrangements to secure the embarkation of more than 20 missionaries within a month, health not perfectly restored, cares, labors, interruptions &c &c – have, as ~~yet~~ you know given me little time for you. Had we a house at our command, we would have made you at home with us. Most of the letters I designed to have written to Ceylon & Bombay, I must send in a vessel to sail within a fortnight. They will go by mail from Calcutta.

May the Lord guide & bless you. I am dear Brother, most affect. yours,

R. Anderson

P. S. I hope you will make the most strenuous efforts to procure a passage to Ceylon. Mr. Hill will give you letters to the mercantile persons at Calcutta & Madras.

Missionary Rooms Boston Nov. 13. 1834

Rev. W. H. Pearce,
Calcutta,

Rev. & Dear Sir,

This will be delivered by the Rev. Alanson C. Hall, a missionary of our Am. B. C. F. M., who with his wife, is on the way to Ceylon. A circuitous way indeed, through Calcutta; but we are told they will arrive before the commencement of the Southwest monsoon, & may expect to secure a passage without delay to Madras. There was no prospect of obtaining a more direct passage for Mr. Hall soon, and circumstances in the opinion of our Com. seemed to require that he should embark at the present time, or at least during the winter. I was myself out of town when this decision was formed, and the arrangements made for the passage, & have some misgivings that too much was assumed as to the possibility of an immediate passage from Calcutta to Madras or Ceylon.

We do not wish to burden you and your brethren at Calcutta with attentions to our missionaries, but any advise and assistance you may be able to render Mr. Hall in procuring suitable lodgings while he remains in the city, & in obtaining the earliest suitable conveyance to the field of his missionary labor will be thankfully received and acknowledged.

Your favor of March 28th with the parcel for Mr. Winslow, Prof. Robinson &c. sent to my address came duly to hand, and your request have been attended to. The Miss. Herald is sent in exchange to the Calcutta Christian Observer.

We need some friend in Calcutta to whom we may speak confidentially, & you must be that friend. Mr. Hall married unexpectedly by us, but felt himself authorized to marry without consulting us by reason of some misapprehension as to facts. This premature marriage, together with the irritable state of his lungs in winter, & the offer of a favorable passage to Calcutta, induced our Committee to resolve upon sending him without delay. Perhaps my own judgment would have gone with theirs had I been on the spot. An acquaintance with Mr. Hall has made me regret more than ever that he goes by way of Calcutta. He is a good man, & was well recommended, but is in danger of wanting energy. This you will perceive. As the evil ~~will~~ may more easily be remedied on the field where he is to labor than in Calcutta, I am exceedingly anxious that he may not be delayed on the way. Do him all the good you can, & keep him from situations where he, or we for his sake, will be severely remarked upon. His wife (

appears to be a very good woman, & has broken away from great opposition to her engaging in this work.

I send you a reprint of our two first Reports; also a few of our late American publications. Excuse the liberty I take, & believe me to be

most truly yours,
R. Anderson

P. S. Books sent, which please accept as a token of regard:—

Paragraph Bible,
Am. Almanack 1835,
Memoir of J. B. Taylor,
The Corner Stone,
Mothers Friend,
Child at Home,
Mothers Nursery songs,
Mothers Book,
Right & Wrong,
Mem. of Chas. Winslow.

Miss. Rooms Boston Nov. 3. 1834

To the Missionaries in Ceylon.

Dear Brethren,

I fully designed to have written at considerable length by the Georgian, but circumstances entirely beyond my controll will prevent, unless she is detained longer than to-morrow. Br. Wisner is absent in Ohio; bro. Greene is detained much at home by the sickness of his brother, Rev. Samuel Greene, who is apparently nigh unto death; I have been absent near a month at the meeting of the Board in Utica, & also in Phila, and find a great accumulation of business on my return; we have not less than two and twenty missionaries, male & female, to collect in Boston for embarkation to S. E. Africa, Sand. Isls. & Asia Minor, by the 22nd of the present month, & the arrangements devolve on me & cannot be postponed; besides I have not yet quite recovered my customary vigor & elasticity of constitution:- but enough; here are reasons enough; if not I could easily multiply them. I expect to write again in a vessel that sails in about a fortnight.

The Rev. Alanson C. Hall is the bearer of this. He is from the Auburn Seminary, was first designated to one of our Western missions, but being desirous of going east his designation was changed to Ceylon. Owing to a misapprehension of some facts he entered the marriage state before we succeeded in finding a direct passage for him to Ceylon. This marriage and the delicate state of his lungs making it hazardous for him to labor as an agent in this northern winter, led the Com. to make the favorable opportunity afforded by the Georgian for sending him to Ceylon by way of Calcutta. I was out of town when the arrangement was made, but it was thought by those who were at the Rooms that he could reach Calcutta in time to find a passage from thence before the S. W. Monsoon. I have fears that he may have difficulty, but all must now be referred to the merciful providence of Him who holds the winds in his hands.

A considerable quantity of printing paper goes by this vessel, & some school books & slates requested by Mr. Poor.

On the 28th of April I sent a long letter containing sundry resolutions respecting your mission, copies of most of which I enclose.

The letters received from you I will acknowledge in my next. Mr. Winslow has gone to Cincinnati. I understand he has formed a matrimonial engagement, but as I have no official information on the subject I must say no more now. Perhaps he has given the facts in the case, as I see there is a letter from him in the parcel.

The last meeting of our Board had extraordinary interest. On the whole there is an onward progress in this country, though far too slow.

Praying the Lord to bless you,
I am, dear Brother, very truly yours
R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Nov. 5. 1834

Rev. Daniel Poor
Ceylon

My Dear Brother,

I believe there are but three letters from you which have not been acknowledged. Their dates are Feb. 5th March 24th, & The last gives a very interesting account of the manner in which the new brethren were gradually made acquainted with the arrangements & state of your mission. Your "annual notices of the missionary seminary" came since the meeting of the Board, but in time to correct the list of native assistants at Batticotta in our Report. For the other stations we must depend on br. Winslow's memory. Pray stir up brother Meigs's pure mind by way of remembrance that we may not fail materially to complete our next Report of the mission. Possibly a letter sent by mail to Calcutta immediately after receiving this may reach me in season. I design to have some printed blanks prepared, which will show at once what we need in the form of statistics.

The books you requested (so far as attainable) & the slates were sent in the Georgia, which sailed yesterday for Calcutta. The Rev. Alanson C. Hall

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& wife sailed in that vessel. They are from the interior of New York & are to join your mission, if such be the will of God.

I know not that I have a correct apprehension of the facts in the case, but it seems to me you are making more of an effort than you need to do to meet the pecuniary necessities of your children in this country. Prof. Hitchcock told me that Warren had the impression & obtained it from one of your letters to him or one of his sisters, that you designed to advance him one hundred dollars a year. Warren was probably in an error, but we both regretted that he had received such an impression. If it was erroneous it is no doubt corrected by this time: but you, dear brother, will appreciate my motives ~~when~~ for saying, that you may easily be too anxious lest your dear children should suffer from want of pecuniary means. I do not believe there is any danger of this. It is desirable that all our children should feel that they are put upon their ~~own~~ good behavior; but with such behavior, as you children all have the benefit of, I have no fear that they will be provided for. I see that our mutual & judicious friend Prof. Hitchcock is anxious that Warren should feel himself dependent entirely upon his good conduct & scholarship for his success in obtaining the means of a thorough course of education. I saw Warren last summer at Amherst & made particular inquiries respecting him. While there is some reason, as I am sorry to say, to question the genuineness of his piety, he is universally spoken well of in respect to his deportment as a youth, & his habits & attainments as a scholar. His room-mate for the present year was to be a pious & excellent young man from Smyrna, by the name of Van Lennep, (son of the former Dutch Consul General in that city) in whom I have long been much interested. The rules by which appropriations are made to the returned children of missionaries were so altered at the last meeting of the Boar Board, that several more annual appropriations of ~~the~~ 50 dollars each can be made to Warren from the Treasu of the Board. Those rules I will send by the present opportunity. Whatever assistance you think it best to render him, should be, it seems to me (& you will pardon the liberty of a suggestion which I have perhaps no right to make) through Prof. Hitchcock, & with ample discretion on his part to give or withhold £ as he may ~~think~~ judge best.

As for Mary Annis, she makes such an excellent impression on every body, that she will be provided for; although two old I believe to receive any thing from the Board.

Susan is in the family of the Rev Mr. Twining of Lowell. Mr. Twining informed me, some time since, that they hoped she had become pious. I have not since heard this fact questioned or confirmed: but the change was so recent when I saw him that a very satisfactory judgment could hardly have been formed. 'Tis, however, painfully delightful, & delightfully painful to see our children even turning their thoughts to the subject of personal religion, & becoming in any degree interested in it. In due time I ~~strictly~~ strongly hope you will see all your dear children united by a living faith to Christ & perhaps following you where you have followed Christ.

I am delighted to hear that Mr. & Mrs. Edward have become so pleasantly ~~situated~~ domesticated in your family. In Phila whither I went after the meeting of the Board to deliver a valadictory charge to their good brother & ~~wife~~ sister Wilson preparatory to their speedy embarkation for Western Africa, I saw his mother having called on her at her request. She had never been willing to see any of us before. She was at the great meeting held on occasion of Mr. Wilson's receiving his instructions &c. as I have understood, was much affected there. I found a great & very desirable change in her feelings & in her manner of regarding foreign missions; & the letter informing her of Mr. & Mrs. Eckard's arrival and agreeable situation in Jaffna, having come while I was in town, she was ever pleased to think she had a son in Ceylon as a missionary of the cross. Please communicate these facts to Mr. Eckard, for I shall not probably be able to write him by this opportunity. His friends were all well.

I have long been expecting that we shall be attacked from a certain quarter, for departing ~~from~~ so far from the apostolic model of missions, as to concentrate an effort upon some one spot, & make so much of the press & education. At our meeting next year, perhaps we may ~~debate~~ devote a day to the discussion of the subject, for the sake of settling the public mind. Have this constantly in view in your journals & letters. It would not be strange if the place which education holds in the system of missionary operations, should become extensively a matter of controversy, & possibly of schism. Such an evil must be prevented if possible. Hence one reason why we have desired & published your journals with so few omissions.

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Nov. 7. 1834

Rev. Benj.n Schneider
Broosa —

My dear Brother,

Mr. & Mrs. Powers, whom you and Mrs. will of course rejoice to see, will easily explain why I must write you so briefly. It is well for them that they come to town to-day so well provided with outfit for they must sail tomorrow. We are pleased to dismiss them to such a field under such favorable ~~circumstances~~ auspices. May the blessed Lord attend them across the deep, & bless them & their associates evermore.

The books you wrote for, the stove, the side saddle, funds, all have been sent.

We shall make a new arrangement for periodicals for 1835. & shall remember Broosa.

We rejoice in your prospects. May peace attend you. Desiring affect. remb. to Mrs. G. I am, though in great haste very truly yours,

R. Anderson.

Missionary Rooms Boston Nov. 7. 1834

Messrs Goodell, Dwight & Schauffler
Constantinople.

Dear Brethren,

Contrary to the expectations of us all, the Water Witch & Ceres are both for hurrying off tomorrow, & Mr. Powers & wife, though they came to town today, must go, Providence permitting, in one of these vessels. I have therefore scarcely any time to bestow upon the several letters I must write.

My last to Constantinople was a letter addressed to Mr. Dwight, dated Aug. 18th. chiefly respecting Mr. Adger. Brother Wisner was kind enough to have compassion on my infirmities, & write to Mr. Goodell, Mr. Schauffler, & Mr. Paspati, on the 15th. The last will ~~still~~ be pleased to hear of our proposed missions to Scio. Since then I have received Mr. Goodell's letters of March 22d, June 3d, & July 9th 1834. The first is a copy of his letter to Mr. King. It is well that Mr. Riggs did not consent to ~~leave~~ leave Greece. Perhaps it may prove to to be well that Mr. Perkins went so soon into Perkins, though I could not help it when the information first came. We have now what may be ~~[illegible]~~ regarded as an offer ~~[illegible]~~ from a promising physician to go to the Nestorians.

The offer grew out of the last deeply interesting meeting of the Board at Utica. — The letters received from Mr. Dwight are dated March 13th, & June 16th & 21st. Oscanean arrived safely. He is an amiable, interesting young man, but in danger of being spoiled by attention. In going to the meeting of the Board, I went by the way of New York chiefly for the purpose of taking him with me & delivering him into the hands of Mr. Mathews. The Dr. received him very kindly & I think will see him as well taken care of as circumstances will permit. I intend to keep my eye upon him, & we must all remember him in our prayers. I am sorry that Mr. Dittrich could not expend the 1000 dollars in the instruction of the poor Armenians youth of Georgia. By all means encourage him to provide books which it may be worth while for us to publish. We are daily expecting the journal of the tour in the Macedonia. May it prove like the man of Macedonia, calling upon the Mrs to come over and help. — From Mr. Schauffler I have a single letter to acknowledge dated July 3. 1834. containing a number of very interesting facts. Mr. S. must be of good courage in regard to the Jews & his work among them. Are they not almost destitute of useful & proper books. Has not he been endowed with the right gifts for providing the books? The production of a book, in such circumstances, which is fitted to be useful, is of the nature of permanent success. I have been concerned to find that the book-seller in Leipsic cannot procure the Rabbinical type we wrote for (the Spanish Rabbinic, I believe) & does not seem to know, even, what kind of type we wish for. To prevent the like occurrence in future & save time, Mr Temple is authorized to order at once from Europe the type which is needed for printing in Turkish and in the language used by the Jews. You will therefore instruct Mr Temple according to circumstances.

Is it not desirable for Mr. Goodell & Mr. Schauffler to devote a portion of their time to revising the Armeno-Turkish New Testament? The American Bible Society will gladly publish an edition. At any rate it is important that reasons be assigned for delaying this work, if it must be delayed.

Mr. Powers will be able to give you the ~~word~~ news. My health is much improved. Owing to the illness of Mr Saml. Greene & his wife in bro. D. Greene's family, & the absence of Dr. Wisner in Ohio, I am almost alone at the Rooms, & within the space of two months, if life & health are spared and our plans are prospered, shall have superintended the outfit & embarkation of 26. missionaries male & female.

Desiring to be affect. remembered to your families, I am most truly yours,

R. Anderson

Bro. Wisner wrote you June 7, 1834.

Missionary Rooms Boston Nov. 7. 1834

To the Brethren of the Mission
to Syria & the Holy Land

Dear Brethren,

Very much to our surprise the Water Witch & Ceres, acting in the spirit of rivalry towards each other, have both determined to sail tomorrow. We expected the former to wait till monday, & the latter till the middle of next week. Mr. Powers & his wife, who are destined to Broosa & came to town to-day to prepare for embarkation, have to be in readiness to embark tomorrow. Having several letters to write, besides many other cares – being almost alone at the Rooms just now, I must be brief.

We rejoice that at length the country beyond the Jordan has been traversed by the Christian missionary & has been found to be so good a land. We much desire the arrival of the journal of the tour.

The prospect of obtaining the missionaries you ask for is by no means as good as I could desire. One man however, has been appointed, of a very interesting personal appearance, who has been preparing himself to be a professor in one of our colleges but has determined to devote himself specially to the cause of education in unevangelized countries. His name is Hebard. He is an Andover man, prepared to preach the Gospel, but deeply interested in the cause of education, & will not fail to exert an important influence in that department. This ruling passion should be indulged, but we should leave it for the mission to give a direction to it. You may expect him next Spring or summer if I rightly remember his case.

The globe, maps, electrical machine, slates & pencils, & elementary books requested by Mr. Smith go by this conveyance. One of the small globes is for the lead pencil (i.e. the white globe) another (the black globe) is for the slate pencil. I wish Mr Smith would inform me whether globes of this kind would be useful. The black one is the cheapest: the prices are probably in the invoices.

Mr Smiths application to a young lady near Norwich to come out to Beyroot was forwarded to her, with an intimation that she might probably go if she chose to do so. Nothing has been heard from her. Mr. & Mrs. Thomson's application to her sister Mary was also sent, with a similar intimation; she writes that in the space of a year she will probably be in readiness to proceed to Palestine.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Com. on the 4th of Sept. viz:—

"*Resolved* that the Com. will aim to increase the numbers of missionaries in Syria, so that Damascus & Tripoli may be speedily occupied as stations of the Board.

"*Resolved* that a female teacher be found, as soon as practicable, to reside at the newly occupied station at Jerusalem.

"*Resolved* that a female teacher be found, as soon as practicable, to reside at Beyroot.

"*Resolved* that the missionaries of the Board at Beyroot be authorized to erect a school-room on one of the houses now belonging to the Board at that place, as proposed by them in a late letter, provided the cost of the room does not exceed two hundred dollars"

Adopted Nov. 4th.

"The missionaries at Beyroot having expressed a wish to erect a school-room for the accommodation of a school of girls at an expense of about 50 dollars;

"*Resolved* that they be authorized to provide such a room according to their proposal".

R. Anderson

Letters were ackd. —— States that Dr. W. wrote Aug. 20.

Missionary Rooms Boston Nov. 7. 1834

Rev. Daniel Temple.
Smyrna.—

My Dear Brother,

Mr. Powers will explain to you how it is that I have so little time for writing you. However, the business part of my letter need not be long. The Com. authorize you, as superintent of the printing establishment at Smyrna, to procure from Europe whatever type may be necessary to print the Turkish language, & also the Hebrew & Rabbanical Hebrew used by the Jews. An order we sent to Leipsic for Spanish Rabbinic have lately been returned as unintelligible. How this happens I know not. We know not how to describe the Spanish Rabbanic, nor how it differs from the German Rabbanic. With Mr. Schauffler's help, you can procure the type, as I presume.

Last evening I had considerable talk with Mr. Perdicari concerning your translations in modern Greek. He says they have many errors. He instanced the Peter Parley's Geography as having verbal errors on almost every page. I know not how this is. He strongly recommends that Abraham of Smyrna be employed to revise the translations. Perhaps this is a good suggestion. He is the person, I presume, who accompanied Mr. Gridley to Kaisarea, & was ~~[illegible]~~ head of the Greek academy at Smyrna a few years ago.

For the sake of having the translations perfect, it would be worth while to incur the additional expense of Abraham's assistance, if he be the competent man, for at least part of the time, especially for the school books adopted ~~for~~ by the Greek government.

The type mould which Mr. Hallock requested, & which was not sent with the former shipment. I have since directed it to be forwarded for him.

I hardly know what arrangement will be best to secure payment for the types you order from Europe. We shall fall in with any arrangement you may make. It will of course be necessary to give Mr. Hill some notice.

The following is the resolution of the Com. referred to on the first page:—

"Resolved that the Rev. Daniel Temple superintendant of the printing establishment at Smyrna, be authorized to procure from Europe the necessary types for printing books in the Turkish language & in the languages used by the Jews of Constantinople"

R. Anderson

Miss. Rooms Boston Nov. 8. 1834

Rev Jonas King
Athens, Greece

My Dear Brother,

I ~~have~~ wrote you on the 28th of July a letter which I hope you will not fail to recieve. Since then I have recieved your favor of May 5th.

I am exceedingly pleased with the prospect of your Gymnasium. If you can carry your plan through, I see not but you have your long projected & desired college.

I speak advisedly my own convictions when I say, that I never had such substantial proofs that we are extending ~~our~~ an important influence on Greece, as now. ¶ We have incorporated the substance of your ~~plan~~ Plan into our Report.

It is well that Mr. Riggs decided not to leave Greece, & we are glad to ~~hear~~ have the mission present more surface of the eye, as it will do now a station is occupied at Argos.

The last meeting of the Board in Utica was of peculiar interest. I hope by the next conveyance to send you some copies of our Report.

The vessel goes so much sooner than we expected, that I can add no more, only to desire a continued interest in your prayers, & an affect. remembrance to Mrs. King.

Most truly yours
R. Anderson

Miss. Rooms Boston Nov 8. 1834

Rev. E. Riggs
Argos. Greece

My dear Brother.

We think of you now as residing at Argos. I wrote you on the 28th of July. Since then I have received your letter of May 5. 1834, & the accompanying copies of your correspondence with Mr. Perkins. The letters you have since received from me, doubtless, doubtless will show that we cannot but rejoice that you did not leave Greece.

Your letter to the Presbytery which supports you I forwarded. It was written with so much caution on the subject of the prospects of your mission, that I was almost persuaded to accompany it with a short commentary, but I did not. My own opinion is that your mission is exerting an important influence on the Greek nation. I was never able to point to such unequivocal evidence that such is the fact.

Let your communications be full and explicit, & give what cautions you please in respect to publications.

2 The vessel which takes this goes so much sooner that we had reason to expect, that I have not time to write more.

1 With regard to periodicals. I will

add, that we shall begin with Jan. 1835 to send some expressly for your station, & some we shall send for the common use of the Turk. mission.

Communicate your wants freely.

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Nov. 8. 1834

Memoranda for Mr. Powers.

Mr. Powers will proceed from Smyrna to Constantinople by water as soon as may be, & will remain at Constantinople in the study of Turkish as long as the mission in that city shall advise — having all due regard to the wishes of Mr. Schauffler.

Mr. Hill will provide you with funds. He gives you a bill of £300 sterling.

I very much question whether it will be expedient for you to take all your clothing, furniture, &c. to Broosa, until you have been there some time. At any rate, it ought not to go at once. Be governed by the advice of the brethren at Constantinople. You have an unusual number of packages & perhaps it will not be amiss to avoid attracting too much attention towards them as your personal baggage, both at Smyrna & Constantinople.

Your first business will be to get strong hold of the language, which is to be your principle medium of intercourse with the people.

Communicate to the brethren what I said to you on the subject of making the ministry of the word more prominent in the labors. I have not time to write on the subject now, but may at some length on some future occasion. I wish for all the facts which can be collected to illustrate our plan, & show the real claims of education upon us, before the next annual meeting of the Board. — The Instructions given Messrs Schneider & Johnson are applicable to you

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Nov. 8, 1834

Rev. Thos. P. Johnston }
Trebizond, Asia }

My Dear Brother,

Brother Wisner wrote you on the 15th of Aug. I was then rather ill, but have now nearly recovered, through divine mercy. I have nothing new to communicate. I am sorry I cannot say we have an associate for you. We shall not forget you, nor will the Glorious Head of the Church.

I trust that by this time you find yourself pleasantly situated in Trebizond. Work enough you will no doubt find to do. Occasionally you will have to entertain the angels of the chhs on their way to the East. May you have great joy & your dear partner in your labors & self denials & trials.

The vessel which takes this sails so much sooner than we expected, that I can send you only a few lines. We shall begin in January to send periodicals expressly for you. Write us freely & fully. The chhs. must be made more acquainted with your field; then they will think of you & pray for you more.

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Nov. 8/34

Rev. Daniel Temple
Smyrna

My Dear Brother,

This letter is a supplement to the one I wrote yesterday.

Yours of July 28th escaped my notice at the meeting of ~~the~~ our Committee last tuesday evening. Hence the reason why the resolutions then passed did not authorize you to procure Greek & Arabic founts from Leipsic. No doubt the Com. will give such authority; & if you greatly need such types, I will venture to advise you not to wait till you hear from us again before you order a fount of each.

In haste but most truly yours
R. Anderson

Miss. Rooms Boston Nov. 8. 1834

Rev. Mr Schlienz.
Malta

My Dear Brother,

I duly received your letter of July 26th, by the hand of Mr. Oscanean. Your request concerning the two copies of the Biblical Repository shall be attended to hereafter. I am sorry we have none to send now, all having been sent before the present opportunity, & probably to Smyrna. The truth is our vessels scarcely ever touch at Malta now, which is the reason we have sent to Smyrna. We will send them to Malta direct, or by way of Gibraltar.

I am not quite sure that I know to what work you refer under the name of "Journal of Education". The work ~~with~~ with that name stopped some years ago. Doubting whether you mean the Annals of Education, or Mr. Edwards's Quarterly Register, or neither, I will send neither till I hear from you again.

The Biblical Repository is to be united with the Am. Quarterly Observer, & the two are to come out in a quarterly as large as the N. A. Review: price 5$ a year. I think you will like the combined work, which is to retain the distinctive characteristics of both. I shall send you the first number, & you can better tell whether to continue your subscription.

I send you three copies of a Chinese Tract — "Christ's sermon on the mount" — stereotyped from China blocks & printed in Boston. Shall send you a copy of our 25th Report soon

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Nov. 11 — 1834

Rev. B. C. Meigs
Ceylon

My dear Brother,

The following general letters have been recieved and are to be acknowledged; viz:—

1. Letters from brethren who sailed in the Israel, dated Oct 12. 1833 (duplicate) recd. March 31st & the orginal recd May 26; & Nov. 25. 1833. recd March 27th. They are not endorsed as acknowledged.

2. Letters from yourself as Sect. of the mission. dated July 23d 1833, Nov. 30. Feby. 21st 1834, & March 4th.

I wrote you at considerable length on the 26th of Sept. giving you copies of series of resolutions adopted by our Com- respecting your mission, after full conference with br. Winslow. I wrote you again on the 3d of Nov. by the Rev. Alanson C. Hall, who sailed on the 4th inst in the ship Georgia bound to Calcutta. In that letter I stated the reasons why Mr. Hall went by way of Calcutta. A copy of the resolutions was enclosed.

Your mission has now a grand outline, to be filled in as God shall be pleased to give ability. We regard it as a modle mission, on this account; & because many eyes are turned upon it, & many more will be, we hope the mission will advance steadily, wisely, & with due energy. What you do is not merely for the Tamul people; your influence, as an example, will be felt in all our missions, & in those of other societies. In our present Report we have taken occasion from the scantiness of materials offered us for narrating your last years proceedings, to give a general view of the mission, that we might present a model for other missionaries similarly situated.

We hope to hear soon that you have recieved permission from local authority to commence a mission on the Coromandel coast. Should you not be successful, however, we will not despair. The English government will soon be able to see the propriety of giving us the liberty we desire, & perhaps it will be thought best by the Com. that Mr. Winslow should return by way of England, for the purpose of exerting an influence at head quarters.

I see that some of our English brethren prefer that we should take a position among the Teloogoos north of Madras rather than in the Tamul districts south. At present we have no thought of extending our effort in India beyond the Tamul people & Mahratta races; I mean the people speaking those languages: unless we should commence a mission at Ajmeer, among the Rajpoots. We will endeavor not to interfere with the either societies; but none must proclaim against us a blockade upon any great coast, unless they send the proper force to maintain it. At the present rate of advance in the work of missions with our English brethren, & I must add with ourselves too, there will long be ample room for us both in southern & western India. I make these remarks, however, without any evidence of jealousy on the part of English brethren in India, or of their Societies.

Mr. & Mrs. Perry, the brother and sister of Mr. & Mrs. Hutchings, have been appointed to the mission among the Tamul people. Their designation will be referred entirely to the mission, but probably his health will be best in Jaffna. Mr. Robt. O. Dwight, of the last Senior class at Andover, is also designated to the Tamul ~~people~~ mission. Possibly the Com. may see sufficient reason for assigning him to the interior, but probably his designation will be left in the same way as Mr. Perry's. Mr. John J. Lawrence of the same class, will also be sent, I have little doubt, to Ceylon; though I have the impression that the final resolution on his designation has not been passed by the Com.

I presume that Mr. Winslow will be stationed at Madras, & that the Com. will recommend the removal of one of the other elder brethren from

Jaffna to the same place. The press will receive the labors of two missionaries well acquainted with the language. Could the press in Jaffna be well conducted without Mr. Miner, it would perhaps be advisable to remove him to the printing establishment at Madras. Possibly we may send a new printer to take his place in Jaffna, & enable him to remove to Madras. — These are ~~more~~ mere suggestions, which I throw out to elicit your opinions. It is our duty to make plans, & to make them for extended efforts; but Providence may see fit to curb and restrict ~~them~~ us beyond our expectations. The sickness of Mr. Woodward shows that God's ways are not as our ways, & who knows what other ~~efforts may~~ afflictive dispensation of this kind are in reserve for us?

Perhaps I ought to advert to the fact at some time, that we have not encouraged Mr. Winslow to make special solicitation for funds for your seminary. The reason for this is, in short, that the Com. are ready to grant from the General Treasury of the Board whatever is necessary to make the Seminary what it ought to be, & are convinced that this is the best method of providing for its wants. One part of our duty as a great institution for conducting missions is to educate the Christian public (if I may so express myself) in the right habits of giving. For several years we have been endeavoring to persuade the churches to give to the general object, & not to mere parts of it. We are far from having succeeded yet; but in the district of country wh. have been largest in the work, we are making progress, & our prospects of ultimate success are good! I have not much fear that 6.000 $ a year expended upon the Seminary will startle the Chhs. if we can show three hundred young natives studying within the walls. If it should we can then resort to specific charity ~~for~~ in its behalf. It is hard to get money, & I believe brother Winslow thinks it is harder than we imagine it to be; but we can get money easier than we can get men, & I have no fear that your college will suffer because we cannot get the necessary funds for it, as long as God is pleased to bless it as he has done. In its principle results, however, it must be made a seminary for raising up ~~young~~ native helpers for the missions & there can be no doubt but the teachers of England ought to be kept in strict subservience to this object. I am glad to see that it is so, & that you have determined to make less use of the English tongue, since the acquisition of it exposes the youth to such temptations to disconnect themselves from the mission. We must have seminaries in all our missions, & the churches will sustain them at great expense, if their design be to raise up a competent native agency for the service of the mission; but not without.

I shall enclose a printed copy of the rules adopted at the last meeting of the Board with respect to ~~pecuniary~~ pecuniary aid afforded to children of missionaries returned to this country. Their object was to provide a uniform system for all. They are well adapted to our present stock of experience, & on the whole, are better for you than the former arrangement. You will see at once what instructions to give to the guardians of your children now in this country.

I have written to Mr Poor, & hope to write by this opportunity to the other brethren whose letters have not been recd. But the Engine sails from New York, instead of from this port as we were at first informed she would, & perhaps it may be necessary that the letters be forwarded today. Besides we expect not less than twenty missionaries, male female here in the course of ten days, to be fitted off to the Sandwich Islands & Southeastern Asia; & br. Wisner is absent, & brother Greene confined much at home by the sickness of two or three of his family. My health is becoming pretty good, but uniform & entire health can scarcely be expected by the labors at the Miss. Rooms, the pressure is frequently so great. Well, there is no hardship in laboring hard for Christ; the difficult point for resignation is in being laid aside occasionally from active labor. May you ever be found faithful unto death.

R. Anderson

Miss. Rooms Boston Nov. 26. 1834

Rev. John L. Wilson
Cape Palmas

My dear Brother,

Though we have no less than nine married couple and two single females in town preparing to embark in a few days, I must take a few moments to write you a line by the vessel from Baltimore.

I rec. two letters from you, the last written after you had embarked. Before either of these were written I had addressed a letter to you, to Mr. Tracy's care, which I presume you must have rec., though you made no mention of it. I rejoice not a little to hear that you were to go direct to the coast & not stop at the islands. May the gracious Lord crown your enterprise with his infinite blessing.

Twelve of the 20. of the above mentioned, go to the Zoolahs of the Southeastern Africa. They will be rather distant neighbors but it is something to have them on the same continent.

Mr. McKenney has written me that

a female member of the methodist Chh at Baltimore is anxious to go to Cape Palmas as a teacher, & suggests that we might possibly employ her. I shall write him that we have not thought it best to send out white female assistants.

I think of no changes at home since you left. Yesterday I heard that Mrs Ramsey died of Cholera at Bombay on the 11th of June, & that her husband & children are on their way home. The Bombay mission is sorely bereaved. May these mysterious afflictions work for ~~God~~ Good; as they surely

Take good care of yourselves, & trust cheerfully in God. You are not, you will not be forgotten. We all remember you & yours with affection.

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Nov. 25/34

Rev. Dr Philip
Cape Town South Africa

Rev. & Dear Sir

On the 16th of July I wrote you a letter by way of England, of which I now send you a copy. In that letter I acknowledged the receipt of your favors dated Dec 13. 1833 & Jany 27. 1834. I have now the great happiness of writing you again by our beloved missionaries destined to the two nations of Zoolahs. They are expecting to embark next monday in the ship Burlington which engages to touch at the Cape & at Port Natal. The company which is to stop at ~~Port N~~ Cape Town, & proceed from thence, Providence permitting, to Masalikatzi's Zoolahs, is composed of three men & their wives; viz- Rev. Daniel Lindley, Rev. Henry I Venable & Rev. Alex E. Wilson M.D. Mr Lindley was pastor of one of the best churches in the state of North Carolina, when he offered himself to the Board, & was & is still very much esteemed by his people & by all his brethren ministers in that part of the country. Dr. Wilson was a physician in very good practice in Mr. Lindley's society, & has been licensed & ordained since he has devoted himself to the cause of Ch. among the heathen. Mr. Venable is from the State of Kentucky, but he & Mr. Lindley rec. their theological education in the Theo. Sem. in Prince~~ton~~ Edward County Va; & I believe Dr. Wilson spent some time there. Coming from the south they cannot have ~~so~~ as much practical knowledge of missions, to begin with, as men usually have who recieve their theological education at the Andover Seminary. Of the two companies, however, we thought this rather the best qualified on the whole, to be benefitted by a longer residence at Cape Town & by a visit to some of your missions; though two of the other three are from Andover. Mr. Lindley, in particular, is a very interesting & promising man; & Dr. Wilson is highly spoken of. Mr. Venable, too, is well recommended.

The company destined to Port Natal is composed of Mr. Grout, Rev. George Champion, & Dr. Newton Adams, & their wives. Mr. Grout was brought up to hard labor, as you will see at once. He is a plain man, but so much a man for work, & any kind of work, that he will render himself useful. He has always commanded the respect of his brethren at Andover, & I have no doubt will do well. Mr. Champion certainly does not go to live among the Zooloks because he cannot get a living in this country, for he possesses by inheritance, an independent property. But no man in the company goes forth with more joy than he. He possesses a very excellent spirit, a good judgement so far as I know, & is perhaps the best belles-lettres scholar among them. His simplicity of character, his disinterestedness & other good qualities, have greatly endeared him to us. Of Doct. Adams we do not yet know much, except from his testimonials, which are decisively favorable. He has not yet reached town. I saw him a few minutes at Utica, N.Y. at the late meeting of the Board, & was pleased with his personal appearance & with all I saw of him.

There is no need of my saying anything about the female members of the mission. They interest us as they will you, in different degrees; but we see no reason as yet to regret the designation of any one of them to the south African field. We require testimonials concerning the character of our missionaries wives for the missionary service before they are appointed assistant missionaries of the Board; but the missionaries select for themselves, & judgment in such a business, is not the only agent in determining the choice. We feel grateful that its results are so good. I fear Mrs Champion's constitution is too slender, but her mind has long been directed to a mission.

An extract from Lt. Farewell's account of Port Natal in Kay's Travels & Researches leads me to fear that the Burlington may find difficulty in landing our missionaries at Port Natal. He says the bar has but 11 feet of water, &

that anchorage in the bay beyond is safe only in certain states of the wind. I have not yet satisfied myself fully as to the point from which the wind generally blows in the spring, along the eastern coast. If the ship cannot land them at Port Natal can she not at Port Elizabeth? And cannot they find passage from thence in a small vessel or go by land? — Since writing the above I have looked into the appendix of Mr Thompson's Travels & there I find Lt. Farwell's account of Port Natal. I find nothing satisfactory about this place in Owen's Voyages. Farwell says the anchorage in the bay outside of the bar is good with the wind from the westward or eastward, I suppose that at other times, it must be unsafe. As nearly as I can ascertain, the southeastern wind prevails in the spring. Even if the Burlington could lie at anchor in the bay formed by the projecting land on the South. the surf upon the bar must render it difficult, if not impossible, to transport passengers & their baggage over the bar. At least, such are my fears. We shall do all we can to make it for the ship's interest to carry them to Port Natal, or at any rate Port Elizabeth; I must then leave it for our brethren, under your advice & with the divine blessing, to make the best of their circumstances — passing over as much of the distance by water as shall be possible, & the rest by land.

In respect to outfit, the brethren have enough of some things certainly, & those for Port Natal can need but a few additional articles. Unless their effects can go all the way by water, they will probably be obliged to leave some of them behind at Cape Town or elsewhere. I have not much expectation that the other company can take with them all their coffee. tea sugar &c. (of ardent spirits unless in medicine chest our missionaries are furnished with none:) but we thought we would give them enough. If left, they can be stored for further use, or sold. Their less suitable materials they can exchange for others better. Both missions will need waggons &c which they will procure at the Cape. They will follow the example you set at ~~B~~ Bethelsdorp & procure the necessary articles in the colony. They are requested to show you the copy of Instructions given to them & the Sand. Isls. missionaries (20 in number of both sexes) last sabbath evening; in which a number of topics are specified, on which they can consult you. I hope your leisure will be such that you can instruct them very particularly on those and other kindred points, as we have left them in great measure undisciplined in that document, in view of your more perfect knowledge of the subjects in reference to South Africa. I shall give them, however one copy of your Researches & request them to study the work on their voyage: & we will import several copies from England to supply their places. There is nowhere, I am persuaded, so good a manual for missionaries going among an uncivilized people. The general excellence of your plan of conducting missions is, its direct civilizing influence upon the communities. Your Researches are of immense value to me just now, as I believe we shall have to discuss the methods of conducting foreign missions, with special reference to the place which the press & education holds in the best imaginable, ~~terms~~ practicable system. There are many good people in this country, who, forgetful of the vast change in our circumstances, would restrict us in great measure to the apostolic model of itinerant missions & oral instruction. You will see some reference to this state of mind, more or less direct, in the minutes of our last annual meeting, & the introduction of the Report of Ceylon & Sand. Isl. missions. I regret that I cannot yet send you whole copies of our Report (the 25th). The appendix will contain some very valuable ~~[illegible]~~ facts.

Our brethren take out a parcel of books & pamphlets for you, which I hope you will be pleased to accept. Your excellent Memoirs of Oberlin has not been reprinted, for this reason — we have two abridgments (orthodox abridgments) besides one or two Unitarian. I will endeavor to send you copies of each and a dozen copies of Prof. Halsey's, which please also ~~to~~ accept. I design to place yours in the hands of the Sunday school Union, that they may make use of it in future editions of Oberlin. I was myself scarcely ever as much interested in a character, & shall see that our missionaries generally are made acquainted with him.

Our brethren take with them some sets of Infant School apparatus, though I am afraid none of them are acquainted with Infant Schools. They will be supplied with all sorts of illustrating apparatus, as they need it. We regard it as being nowhere so needful, as among the heathen. Children, and such to a great extent must be most untutored minds understand an experiment better than a description; & the description far better for the experiment, so do we all. And who is not interested by pictures, & is not better pleased and edified by a book that contains them?

As I stated in my last, we shall give our brethren a letter ~~of introduction~~ for Sir Benjamine D'Urban the governor of the colony, to be delivered, or not, as you shall advise. I judge from the strain ~~from~~ in which you addressed him ~~in~~ at the close of your speech before the South African Infant School Institution, that you have a favorable impression with regard to his moral sentiments. We shall be grateful for any protection he can afford us & shall endeavor to give him as little trouble as possible — Our brethren of course take a letter to our consul. In that letter I shall make no reference to the one to the governor, preferring that our brethren should be introduced by yourself, if ~~equite~~ etiquette & your own feeling will permit. As missionaries we have no connexion with our government, & do not look to it for protection or countenance. However, you will know best what is proper in the circumstances of the case.

I fear Dear Sir, that we shall give you too much trouble. We shall be grateful for all the ~~the~~ attention you show our brethren.

Praying a blessing upon you & your labors,

R. Anderson

Miss. Rooms Boston Nov. 29. 1834

His Excellency
Sir Benjamin D'Urban.
Cape Town South Africa

Sir,

It is proper to apprise your Excellency that, being desirous of propagating the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in Africa, we have as a society commenced that work in Western Africa though on a small scale in consequence of the insalubrious nature of the climate; & we have now sent a mission to the Zoolahs of Southeastern Africa.

Our mission has of course no political or commercial designs. Our society is purely a religious institution, having in view only the propogation of the Gospel among the heathen. And our missions in Ceylon & among the Mahrattas of western India, which have been established many years, are believed to enjoy the confidence of the local governments.

The members of our present mission, whom we would respectfully introduce to the favorable notice of your Excellency are — the Revd. Daniel Lindley, Revd. & Alexr. E. Wilson. M.D. & Rev. Henry J. Venable, & their wives designated to a mission among the Zoolahs under Masalikatzi, & desiring to proceed by land from Cape Town; & Rev. Alden Grout, Rev. George Champion & Doct. Newton Adams, & their wives, designated to the Zoolahs under Dingaan, & to proceed to port natal by water, if it be practicable.

Cultivating only the arts of peace, we doubt not but our missions will contribute, with the other similar missions from Europe, to the security & happiness of the eastern frontier of the colony, over which your Excellency so happily presides.

May your Excellency be preserved many

years to exert ~~many~~ a benign influence over Southern Africa.

I pray you, Sir, accept the assurance of the high consideration with which I am

Your Excellency's
very obt Servant
R. Anderson
Secy. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Missionary Rooms Boston Nov. 29. 1834

Dear Sir,

Allow me to introduce to you as American consul & also as a friend of missions the following missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; viz:— the Rev. Daniel Lindley, & the Rev. Alex. E. Wilson M.D., from North Carolina, & the Rev. Henry J. Venable, from Kentucky, destined with their wives, to commence a mission among the Zoolahs beyond Lattakoo in the interior; & the Rev. Alden Grout, of Massachusetts & the Rev. George Champion, of Connecticut, & Doct. Newton Adams of New York, & their wives destined to a mission among the Zoolahs in the vicinity of Port Natal.

I have no doubt but this company of missionaries will do honor to our nation, & above all will honor our Lord and Saviour, by the manner in which they will conduct themselves at Cape Town, & after they shall have entered their respective fields of self denying labor.

Any kindness which you shall be able to show them will be very gratefully recieved by them, & will be thankfully acknowledged by the Society which supports them & by numerous friends in this country.

I beg you to accept a copy of our annual Report & believe me to be very respectfully & truly

yours
R. Anderson

Miſs. Rooms Boston Nov 29. 1834

To the Miſsionaries destined
to Port Natal

Mr. Richardson contracts to take you to Port Natal in the Burlington. Since the contract was made, we have ascertained that the ship draws too much water to croſs the bar into the inner port, & that the anchorage in the Bay without, formed by the southern cape is not safe in all state of wind. It may be that on reaching Cape Town, it will be proved that the ship cannot safely attempt to land you at Port Natal in the season when it will naturally reach the eastern coast. In that case Mr. Richardson instructs Capt Evans to take you to that port nearest to Port Natal which will be most safe for the ship & most convenient for you. Whether this would be port Elizabeth I do not know. Precise & satisfactory information can at ~~be~~ once be obtained at the Cape & we have full confidence in Mr. Richardson & Capt Evans will aim to fulfil the contract as far as possible.

Should you be landed at port Elizabeth, (& Dr. Philip's advice on all these points will be of great importance) — but should you be landed at port Elizabeth, instead of Port Natal, you will have to choose between going by water in a small veſsel or going by land. Should you go by land, you might still leave many of your effects to go by water.

In case Dr. Philip is absent from Cape Town, you will naturally obtain what information & aſsistance you can from Mr. Chase, our Consul. I wrote Dr. P. last summer by way of ~~Europe~~ England informing him that our miſsion would probably be in

Cape Town in Jany. or Feb. & have every reason to think he will not then be absent. I believe every possible precaution has been adopted to secure you a direct & speedy & comfortable passage to your field. May the Lord carry you safely.

In haste most truly yours
R. Anderson

Memorandum for Missionaries to South Africa
(Designed for the two missions in common.)

1. You are authorized to procure ~~articles~~ artisans ~~to~~ at Cape Town, or elsewhere in the Colony, under advice ~~of~~ from Dr. Philip.

2. The Port Natal mission will need to procure one or more waggons, from the colony, with the necessary gear.

3. The Am. Temperance Soc. has presented each of you with a bound volume of its Reports. There are besides a dozen & a half bound volumes & 25 copies of each single Report, for you to give away. On arriving at Cape Town, divide these according to your opportunities for making a good use of them.

4. You take a letter of Introduction to the Governor, which you will deliver, or not, as Dr. Philip shall advise. In case you deliver that you will do well, perhaps, to give him a copy of our 24th annual Report. You will take several copies. I wish our 25th were out. I send such part as is out to Dr. Philip. Also give a copy to each of your companions — You have a copy of the letters to the Governor.

5. I give several letters of introduction to the American consul at Cape Town. Deliver it as soon as you arrive. Also give him a 24th Rept.

6. But few books are provided for you in addition to your Libraries. They would be a

burden just now. When we hear from you we can send out critical works & others, as you shall request and appear to require. We part with Dr. Philips Researches from our Library. By all means study this work on the voyage. Perhaps you may be able to purchase another set at the Cape. If not, let this go with the mission that passes through the colony. Read also Halsey's life of Oberlin as it is a favorable work with Dr. Philips other books are Pickerings Essay on the formation of an alphabet; Memoirs of Gordon Hall, two works of Combe which will give you ~~much~~ most excellent advice on the preservation of health, Kays Travels in Caffraria; Owens voyages, Malta Bruns, Report of the Board, Miss. Heralds A H H. Among those not here named are the Biblical Repository from the beginning.

7. There is a box of books marked books for the mission, filled, for the most part, with duplicates. The books are to be divided. A few of the set are left out, in a bundle for reading on the way. — A set of Miss. Heralds from vol. 17th will be found for each mission in boxes containing Dr. Wilson & Dr. Adams books. Also the first ten Reports of the Board.

8. On learning the scantiness of the private library of the brethren going into the interior, I determined to endeavor, on Monday morning, to make up a small box of critical & other books for the Interior Mission; The box will be marked with Dr. Wilsons name. — I shall know better what books to send hereafter to both missions, if you will furnish me with copies of all ~~the~~ books in your private libraries. Please to

send me lists of your libraries from Cape Town.

I. Your two missions, should as far as possible, be formed on the same general plan.

2 What this should be, must be determined by yourselves, after consulting Dr. Philip. You will have particular reference however, to the views of the Committee as embodied in the Instructions to various missions, which have been published in the Herald & the appendixes to Reports of the last three or four years. Perhaps I may say, that *if* you add what is said about *industry* in the Instructions given to the Sand Isls. missionaries last sabbath evening, to the outline of a well constituted mission in our last Report (25th) of Ceylon mission, (of which you have copies) you have our *beau ideal* of your mission. Aim to have all these constituents embodied. The *quo modo* you must find out in the exercise of the best wisdom you can command. Imitate ~~none~~ none of the South African missions : differ from none without sufficient reason. — We shall need your advice as to when we shall send a printer & press to Port Natal. Also very particular advices as to the number and description of missionaries to be sent to both your missions — the time when they should go out — when they should land — what articles & how many they should take for outfit — what supplies they should bring you &c —

(A letter was given them similar to the one to the missionaries to Port Natal, see page 192)

Boston Dec 2. 1834

Rev. John Philip D.D.
Cape town (Gave the missionaries a letter of introduction to him)

Missionary Rooms Boston. Dec 2. 1834

To the Missionaries of the Board
at the Sandwich Islands

Dear Brethren,

In consequence of illness, (which, through divine mercy has proved temporary) brother Wisner ~~has~~ kindly relieved me last summer of a part of my prescribed duties. He wrote you on the 23 of June, & again on the 6th of September. The last went by the Schooner Honduras. By that vessel, however, I wrote you at considerable length, under date of September 5th acknowledging all the letters for some months previously, & communicating sundry resolutions of the ~~Board~~ Prud. Com. No letters have been rec. since that time.

Our annual meeting at Utica was remarkably interesting. I have reason to think that the views taken of your mission in our Report for this year & in the one for the last, have exerted a salutary influence where they have attracted attention. The general remarks on the mission in our last (25th) Report, besides being correct in our apprehension, were demanded by the depressed state of very many minds in respect to your operations at the islands.

There is one fact you are developing at the Sand. Isls. in the practical bearings of which our whole system of operations feel the deepest interest. It is the sort of paralysis sin brings upon the mass of minds in pagan lands — the paralysis of the intellect of the reflecting, reasoning power. The anecdotes illustrating the want of thought among the islanders, contained in the appendix to Mr. Andrew's Essay on Education, are very much to the purpose. They appeared to strike the congregation in Bowdoin street very forcibly last evening, to whom I read them as a part of our monthly concert exercises, in proof of the destroying influence of sin upon the reasoning power, especially on moral subjects, & when unobstructed by the Gospel. These are facts of very great importance, & I hope you will give as many as you can ~~attentively~~ authenticate & state with precision and accuracy. They are as important in moral philosophy, as they are in the conduct of missions. With divine assistance you have as it were, to new create the intellect, in order to get strong hold of the heart & form a stable character. Of course measures must be shaped to this end. In this point of ~~a~~ view I see the great value of pictures in books, to excite & give shape ~~&~~ perfection to ideas; & of experimenting apparatus, to weaken curiosity, & inform & expand the mind. I see too, the great necessity of patiently instructing the mind in ~~particulars~~ principles & of training the very young mind to habits of observation. The unthinking habit of mind grows more and more inveterate with ~~suspicion~~ successive generations. Perhaps infant schools will receive additional importance, if viewed in connection with this state of ~~things~~ mind in the people.

A letter from Doct. Judd brought the necessity of having better school ~~masters~~ houses at your stations, & especially at Honolulu, very strikingly before the Com.; & they have resolved to authorize you to expend a sum not exceeding

~~Rev. John Philip, D.D. } Dec. 2, 1834.~~
~~Cape Town. } Gave the missionaries a~~
~~letter of introduction to him. R.A.~~

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twelve hundred dollars in stimulating and assisting the natives to erect ~~natives~~ suitable school houses at such of your stations as need them. It is understood, however, that this sum shall at all events ensure the erection of a proper school house at Honolulu. Doct Judd thought such a house, at that place, might require three hundred dollars. These houses the Com. wish to have built in such a manner, as to serve for model school houses. The station school will of course become a model school; & being taught under the eye of the missionary, & with his assistance in some of the departments, it will serve for a nursery of at least second rate school masters (the first coming from the High School) & from these schools you will naturally obtain the scholars for the High School. The Com. have gone one step farther. They authorize you to pay wages to the school masters of the station schools, in case you think it expedient, even though it lead to a refusal on the part of all natives to teach hereafter without being paid for it. Mere gratuitous service in the native schools appears never to have been worth much; at least its worth, on the whole, is very questionable. However, you will have thought a good deal on this subject & will not be in much danger of doing any thing rashly.

We are desirous to receive replies to such of the questions in our Circular, which we sent two years since, as relate to your mission. It is doubtless in the power of the Com. to be much more helpful to you than they have been, if you were to furnish them with more facts and suggestions. These are the light by which they go, & for them they look to you.

I wrote to you in my last about your children. For the plan by which the children of missionaries are to be returned to this country & provided for, I refer you to the printed minutes of the late meeting of the Board. Though we cannot be guardians ~~for~~ of your children (& considering all our cares we could not make good guardians for them) you may be sure of our disposition to do all for them in our power; & I have no doubt but that the chhs will provide for them. If in any case you know not whom to appoint guardians, you might, in that case, consign them temporally to us & give us & give us the power of appointing guardians. But I trust such cases are few, & when they occur the parents should write us very particularly, communicating every fact that may facilitate such an appointment, & making as many suggestions as possible. Nor should the children leave their parents too young. We suppose that generally it will be better ~~to~~ for them to remain with their parents till they are ten, eleven or twelve years old.

After all you see that the plan is formed so as to refer the whole business as far as possible to the discretion of the parents. Excepting extreme cases, we do nothing but furnish what we deemed to be the necessary facilities for securing a proper home ~~for~~ & guardianship for the children; & the guardian is the res-

resentative of ~~for~~ the parents, & not of the Board & is accountable to the parents & not to us. I have a book, however, in which the names of all the returned children are registered, with their age, places of residence, the names of their guardians & the grants made to them by the Board. So that we exercise a sort of general superintendence. The children will not be lost. May the Lord watch over them all for good, & make them all plants of promise in the great nursery of his church.

The Hellespont, which carries this letter, takes out a sixth reinforcement ~~of~~ to your mission. It is composed of the Rev. Titus Coan, Mr. Henry Dimond, Mr. Edwin O. Hall, & their wives, & Miss Lydia Brown, & Miss Elizabeth Hitchcock. Their instructions will explain sufficiently the several departments of labor which these new helpers are designed to occupy; these Instructions were necessarily brief, because prepared to be read at a public meeting in connexion with more extended Instructions to the new mission to Southeastern Africa. Mr. Coan is one of the two brethren who visited Patagonia. His wife has a sister in the Siam mission. Mr. Dimond, Mr. Hall & their wives are from the city of New York. Mr. Dimond was engaged in study in the University of New York; but, having been trained a book binder, he offered himself for this service at the Sandwich Islands. So far as the duties of that department of labor will permit, however, he will continue to pursue his studies with an ultimate reference to the preaching of the Gospel. Mr. Hall will be associated with Mr. Shepard, if living,

& with Mr. Rogers, in the printing. Of Miss Brown we have spoken in a former letter, & the object of her mission is so fully stated in the Instructions that nothing need be added here. She is a woman for whom we have a great esteem & I doubt not the mission will afford her every possible facility in the prosecution of her object. Miss Hitchcock is sister of one of your number, & goes with the expectation of residing with her brother on Molokai, & teaching school.

Within a few days we have had the offer of a Blacksmith for the Sand. Isl. Be so good as to inform us, whether a pious Blacksmith could advantageously go to the Islands, in connection with the mission, or without any connection. This man offered himself, as I understood at the suggestion of Mr. Ruggles. As at present informed, I should not think that the Com. would send him out without hearing on the subject from the mission.

This reinforcement will take a letter to the King. You will judge whether it should be delivered.

Books & apparatus are sent out for the High School; also for Infant schools; as you will learn from the invoice of shipment in the Hellespont. I believe, too, that none of the requests in your letters have been overlooked; as I always make memorandums when reading the letters, & these mem^d have been transcribed, & placed in Mr. Hill's hands.

We may not possibly make as much provision as we ought to aid you in building your houses. The Com. feels indeed, that there is need of giving a caution against too great an expenditure on houses. This they do not in the spirit of censure, but of friendly advice. The house of one of your number they perceive cost nearly or quite *two thousand dollars*.

What will the churches say, if they hear of this? As reports unfavorable to your economy will almost ~~assuredly~~ surely get about our country, the Com. are desirous to know what is the usage and common expenditure of the mission for dwelling houses. All the facts necessary to meet the case are desirable. We have heard some rumors, but have not regarded them, as we do not know that any material error has been committed. On all accounts it is desirable that the Com. should be informed on this as well as on every other subject relating to the mission & it is presumed that you will gladly furnish them with the necessary information.

The American Sunday school Union has made a grant of books to your mission, & has accompanied them by a Circular, which I trust you will immediately answer. The Bible & Tract Societies need also to be furnished with *every definite information* of which you have done, can do, & intend to do, in their separate departments. The same information we also need from year to year. We are sometimes perplexed by their importunity as to what sums ought to be appropriated to our several missions.

I send you copies of our Report as far as it is printed. Also Heralds etc. etc. Hereafter we shall send a copy of the

Herald to each family in the mission. The unexpected embarkation of the S. E. Africa mission at the same time with your present reinforcement, (for that embarks today or tomorrow, & the reinforcement, Providence permitting, day after tomorrow) the absence of brother Wisner & the sickness in brother Greene's family, leave me less time for writing you, for selecting books to send to you &c. than I greatly desire. Mr. Saml. H. Greene former pastor of Essex Street chh in in this city, died in his brothers house a few days since — a man full of the Holy Ghost & of faith, & of blessed memory. May our death be like his.

The chhs are suffering for want of a refreshing from on High. Remember them in your prayers, & especially pray that the Lord of the harvest will forth labourers into ~~the~~ his harvest.

I am, dear brother, very respectfully
& Most truly yours
R. Anderson

Boston United States of America
December 3. 1834

To Kouikioali King of
the Sandwich Islands

Sir.

Knowing that many of your people have yet no opportunity of to hear the preaching of the Gospel, & that you desire them to enjoy that privilege, we have sent one other preacher of the gospel, the Rev. Titus Coan, to assist in this work. We respectfully commend him & his wife to your protection & kindness.

We also commend to your protection and

kindness Mr. Henry Dimond & Mr. Edwin O Hall, & their wives, & Miss Lydia Brown, & Miss. Elizabeth Hitchcock, who accompany Mr. Coan in the ship Hellespont. Mr. Dimond is skilled in the binding of books, & will be employed in that business. Mr. Hall is a printer, & will assist the other printer, or printers, at the islands in multiplying the number of useful books. Miss Brown, like very many of the females in this country, knows how to employ the spinning-wheel & loom in making cloth for the clothing of families; & she goes out to teach the females at the Sandwich Islands how to make cloth for their own families; & she takes out a number of wheels, looms & other necessary apparatus for the purpose. We have no doubt but she will be very cordially received by yourself & your people. Miss Hitchcock is a sister of Mr. Hitchcock, one of the missionaries on the island of Molokai, & expects to reside with him & teach a school; & an employment to which she has been accustomed in her own country.

These, & all our missionaries at the islands who have left their native land solely from a desire to do good to your people, we commend to your kind care & protection — believing that they are all true and disinterested friends to yourself & the nation of the Sandwich Islands. And we humbly pray Almighty God to keep your government, & to cause the Christian religion, which is the only true religion, to become firmly established in the islands during your reign. We pray also, that you may become a partaker in that esteemed blessedness in heaven, which the gospel offers alike to all, of whatever rank in life

Your majesty will please accept my assurance of great respect, & my best wishes for the welfare of yourself & kingdom.

R. Anderson
Sect of the A.B.C.F.M.

Boston United States of America
December 3. 1834

To Kinau. Sandwich Islands

Madam:

In the ship Hellespont we send a few more Christian laborers to help in making known the Gospel at the Sand. Isls. Their names are Rev. Titus Coan. Mr. Henry Dimond, Mr. Edwin O Hall, & their wives, & Miss Lydia Brown, & Miss Elizabeth Hitchcock. In a letter to the King I have explained the particular object, for which each of these persons is sent.

Allow me ~~me~~ to commend them to your protection & friendship as the servants of the Lord Jesus. I trust they will be very useful to nation of the Sandwich Islands, & prove the salvation of many souls in the day of the Lord.

Praying the God of Heaven to bless you, & commending to you all our faithful missionaries at the Sandwich Islands, I am very respectfully yours in the gospel of Jesus Christ

R. Anderson
Sect of the A.B.C.F.M.

Missionary Rooms Boston Dec. 3. 1834

Rev. Hiram Bingham
Honolulu Sand. Isls.

My dear Brother,

I have acknowledged all your letters now on file before me, either in general letters to the mission, or directly to you. As they lie before me however, I will recapitulate the dates: viz. June 1. Aug 16 Oct 8. Oct. 9, ditto. Oct. 16. Oct 25. Nov 20. 1833. Jan 6. Jany 20. Finlayson's letter. Jan 24. Feb. 4. Feb 5. 1834.

In respect to Mr. Finlayson's request, I do not see that we can do any thing. He does not disprove Mr. Green's statement. Probably the least said in reply by us or by Mr. Green, the better. On their part it is matter for passion rather than reason. Your answer seems to me sufficient.

In the P. S. of your letter of Aug 16th you mention that ten or twelve head of cattle have sprung from a calf given to Sophia by Capt. Dixey Wilds; state that they are marked for the A Board; & inquire what the Com. would have done with them. I ~~forgot~~ brought the case before our Com. & stated the inquiry to whom the cattle formerly belonged. Mr. Hubbard was present. The case, though not very important in itself, involved principles of no one could tell ~~the~~ how many consequences. After a full consideration it was unanimously ~~resolved~~ decided that the original animal belonged to Sophia but not the other cattle; & Mr. Chamberlain will place at your disposal, for Sophia the value of the original animal. Unless there are special reasons for doing otherwise, it is desirable that the cattle be sold, & that, as a miſsionary institution we have no larger stocks than is neceſsary on the islands.

By the way, we *now* always advise miſsionaries, when they enter the service of the Board, *not* to give their property to the Board; but invest it as securely as poſsibly till they see whether they or their families may not need it in future years. As the result of experience, it would seem that if Mr. Bingham were now going on a miſsion for the first time & had $800 to dispose of, we should advise him to retain it. As an individual member of the Board, I should be glad to see that money returned to Mrs. Bingham for the use of her children, & should be glad if you saw your way clear to bring the subject before our Com. in some form. I am persuaded whatever may be the result, that no exceptions would be taken. What I say now, however, is not officially, but as a friend & brother.

Why do not the guardians of your children apply for grants to them? Or are not grants needed? The only one ever made was at my suggestion.

Yours &c.
R. Anderson

Miſsionary Rooms Boston Dec. 3. 1834

Rev. Lorrin Andrews
Lahaina.

My Dear Brother,

I can write you only a few lines. Your Essay I have read with great ~~delight~~ interest & profit, & shall insert a greater part of it in the appendix of our Report. There is a point you have incidentally discuſsed, which is of immense importance; & that is the unthinking character of the native mind. The facts illustrating this were exceedingly though painfully interesting. Can you not give me more? The subject is fundamental in respect to the conduct of missions; for we shall accomplish nothing unless we can awaken thought, & but little effectual till we have educated minds with habits of observation and reflection. Our means must be shaped to this result. We send out more apparatus for the High School. Also Greek books & some type. We thought it better to try the experiment in Greek alone rather than in Greek & Hebrew. A small Lexicon & Grammar in Greek will ~~be~~ open to the islanders a great field of useful~~ness~~ intellectual effort.

We are looking for a female to take charge of the wives of your pupils. When one can be sent is uncertain. I hope it will be possible to make the next generation of your Seminary pupils so young, that they will not have wives. To this subject I adverted in my letter to the mission of Sept 5th, by the Honduras.

You remark that the mission propose issuing a Circular in behalf of the High School. I hope this will not be done. Whatever money it is necessary for the school, will be furnished directly from the general Treasurer of the Board. Only let us know what this is. Give all the facts and suggestions which you deem important. See what is proposed for the seminary in Ceylon, in the Report on that mission. When that Seminary has 300 pupils it will recieve 6000 $ a year from the Treasury of the Board. Only let us combine economy with our enterprize, & act under the guidance of wisdom from above, & we need not fear but money will be furnished. We discourage, however, as far as may be, specific applications, & urge the friends of Christ to give for the whole cause. Mr

Winslow came from Ceylon, with the hope of raising $50.000 for their Seminary. The com. preferred to pledge the interest of 100.000 $ & have him present the general claim.

In haste, but most truly yours

R. Anderson.

P. S. I shall write to the other brethren if I can

Miss. Rooms Boston Dec. 4. 1834

Mr Andrew Johnston
Honolulu. Sand. Isls.

My Dear Sir,

Although I believe there is no letter from you on the files of the last year to be answered, yet there is a subject on which you will naturally expect us to say something to you directly ~~about~~. I refer ~~you~~ to ~~the~~ your connection with the school of foreigners' children at Honolulu. As we understand it, the number of those who are expected to attend school does not exceed forty, & they are taught in the English language, & do not form a part & ~~cannot~~ are not expected to form a part, of the Sand. Isld. nation. The influence of it upon the nation is indirect, very small at present, & very uncertain in its amount. It is obvious, therefore, that while the school might perhaps come entirely within the range of the objects embraced by the American Seamens Friends Society, it lies ~~within~~ without the range of objects embraced by the Board. At least, such is the opinion of our Committee; nor were the principles on which this opinion is founded recently adopted. They were decided to be fundamental in our system, some years ago, in reference to the Bombay mission. It would now be regarded as irregular for our missionaries there to establish & give ~~them~~ their time to schools ~~to~~ for children of European residents in India. The principles apply to your schools, & to you as a missionary of the Board. And this information I am instructed by our Committee to make known to you. We have no idea, however, that such were ~~your~~ views when you took charge of the school. And we cannot but ~~respect~~ respect the benevolent interest in the welfare of those children, which led you to enter upon a course of measures for their intellectual & moral improvement &c.

Should you consider it as your duty to continue in the instruction of the school, you will naturally ask, what shall ~~shall~~ be done? The Committee must refer your continuance in the school to your own judgment, after having duly & prayerfully considered the subject, and taken the best advice within your reach. But, should you feel bound to continue in charge of the school, the Committee would deem it expedient that you should seek a dissolution of your connexion with the Board. We wish to direct our whole force, as ~~to~~ a society, to the native population. In the division of labor, which is so happily going forward in the work of supplying the world with religious instruction, ~~the~~ seamen & commercial ~~visitors~~ residents at the islands, & their families, fall to ~~the~~ the Am. Seamen's Friend Society, which has established a chaplain there, & no doubt will see that the means of grace are enjoyed by the children as well as by the adults; at any rate, our labors in that field must be occasional, & not stated. And hence the opinion above mentioned in respect to your own duty, in case you devote your time, as set forth, to the education of foreigners' children.

It is possible that you may not think it to be your duty to continue in that school; & yet, from not having attended to the native language, or from other causes, may find what may may seem to you insuperable difficulties in the way of your entering upon a vigorous course of labors among the natives. You will wish to know what you shall do in such a case. If you are clear in the opinion that you can serve Christ better in the English language & at home, than at the Sand. Isl.s, the Com.e as at present advised, will give you an honorable discharge, and defray the expenses of your passage, with your family, to this country.

I presume I have said all that is necessary in explanation of this case as a matter of business. I trust you will receive this communication in the same friendly spirit with which it is written. You may not view this subject exactly as the Com.e do; but you can have no doubt of their disposition to regard your feelings so far as will comport with due attention to the order & efficiency of the missions placed under their care.

The Com.e, in considering this case, have not overlooked the resolution of the mission at its annual meeting in June 1833, in approving of your continuance in the charge of the Oahu charity school. The opinions now given are notwithstanding that resolution, which was before the Com.e when the subject was considered. May you, my dear Sir, & may your partner, be enlightened from above to discover the path of your duty in your present circumstances time to schools for ~~to~~ children of European residents in India. These principles apply to your schools, & to you as a missionary of the Board. And this information I am instructed by our Committee to make known to you. We have no idea, however, that such were your views when you took charge of the school. And we cannot but ~~respect~~ respect the benevolent interest in the welfare of those children, which led you to enter upon a course of measures for their intellectual & moral improvement.

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& at all future times, & may you evermore enjoy the presence & blessing of our divine Saviour. Yours, &c

R. Anderson

P.S. to the general letter of Dec. 2. 1834

Miss. Rooms. Boston Dec 4/34

To the Missionaries at the
Sand. Isl.

Dear Brethren,

As the Mission passed a resolution at their general meeting in June 1833, approving of Mr. & Mrs Johnston continuing in the instruction of the school at for foreigners children at Honolulu I ought to state that I have communicated to Mr. Johnston the opinions of the Com. that the school cannot properly occupy his time as a missionary of the Board &c. I have not time to give you the substance of my letter, nor is it necessary, as he will ~~per~~ no doubt permit the letter to be read, should that be desirable by the mission. The Com. are anxious that the school should be provided for without incroaching upon the time of anyone connected with the Mission

R. Anderson

P.S. A separate parcel committed to the charge of Mr Coan contains eight or ten copies of the Report as far as printed. One or two of the boxes contain an assortment of late and valuable works and from one to 1/2 a doz copies of each

Miss. Rooms Boston Dec 4. 1834

Messrs Alexander Armstrong
& Parker, Sand. Isls.

Dear Brethren

The delay of the Hellespont till tomorrow morning gives me time to say that the Com. by a formal resolution have approved of your return to the Sand. Isl. On this subject see more in the 25th Report. Indeed the relinquishment of the mission is quite a relief to our minds.

You will of course understand that the reason why no more has been published concerning the mission or rather missions of the W. Isls. is, that it has been doubtful, (1.) whether the mission would be undertaken, & (2.) whether it would be continued.

You have only to go on with your work at the Sand. Isls. as if you had not been on any other mission, having no fears that the Chh will think the worse of you for your return from the W. Isls. Such is not the fact. I presume all who have attended to the case, approve of your return.

The experience you acquired will no doubt be useful to you and to the cause. The visit to the Society Islands, if nothing else, must be productive of great good. I can add no more.

R. Anderson

Miss. Rooms Boston Dec 6. 1834

Rev Cochran Forbes }
Kaavaloa. S. Isl. }

My dear Brother,

I hope you will receive Brother Wisners letter of Sept 6th & read it in the same good spirit which I know it was written. You ought to be ~~careful~~ cautious how you write; for missionaries are in a sense public characters, & there are many who do not scruple to publish all they write. I hope, too, that you will ponder upon every thing you write, that it may be correct & proper in all respects.

I have nothing to add in the way of business, except to acknowledge a letter from you without date, but probably written in November or December of last year. I believe you will find part of it in the Herald. The Hellespont sailed yesterday with a sixth reinforcement to your mission & today there is a storm. The Lord preserve them from danger and fear. I send this by a vessel which expects to meet the Hellespont at Valparaiso.

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Dec 6. 1834

Rev. John S. Emerson
Sand. Isl.

My Dear Brother,

The Hellespont sailed yesterday with a sixth reinforcement, but a brig is to sail on monday for Valparaiso, where the Hellespont is to touch, & will probably reach that place before the other. I send you a few lines by her.

I have but one letter from you. dated Nov. 25/33. We rejoice at the commencement of a station at Waialua, & hope you may soon have an associate in case one is desirable; or at least have a brother so near as to be neighborly. Perhaps the mountains which impede your intercourse with the brethren at Honolulu, are advantageous in this respect your parishioners from having too frequent ~~intercourse with each other~~ communications with that port.

The request in your letter for sidesaddle, &c. have been transferred to Mr. Hill, & I presume have been complied with.

You refer to Mr. Johnston. By direction of the Com. I have written to him on the subject of his school, & trust that a kind providence will lead to a proper arrangement of that whole business. There is no doubt but that school lies without the range of objects proper for our Board. But such, I presume was not Mr. Johnstons opinion when he engaged in the instruction of the school.

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Dec 6, 1834

Doct. G. P. Judd,
Honolulu Sand. Isls.

My dear Brother,

I can do no more than thank you for your letter of Oct 23. 1833. It was so happily conceived, that I read it to our Committee as the basis for resolutions on the subject of station schools, the substance of which is the general letter of to the mission of the 2nd inst. The brethren at Honolulu will of course see that they have a proper school house built as soon as may be.

When your map of the Sand. Isls. is completed, perhaps it will be well to send us a copy to be engraved on wood, after the manner of our maps of Western Africa, & of the Mahratta country. Mr will return you stereotype plates of it. The map should not be too much encumbered with names, & the names should be printed in the plainest manner, that there may be no doubt or mistake.

I send this by a vessel which will no doubt reach Valparaiso before the Hellespont leaves that place.

R. Anderson

P.S. Strange I should forget to say I saw your good father & mother at Utica. It was a pleasant meeting. Your father was not well, ~~But~~ but both seemed to be rejoiced that you were ~~contented~~ counted worthy to go among the gentiles for Christ's sake.

Miss. Rooms Boston Dec. 6. 1834

Messrs Goodrich Lyman, & Dibble.
Hilo. Sand Isls

Dear Brethren,

In the file before me are the following letters from you viz:—
from Messrs Goodell Dibble & Lyman. dated March 25. 1833.
" Lyman Dibble & Goodrich. " " 28. "
Mr. Dibble June 20. 1833.
Messrs. " Lyman & Goodrich. Oct 13. 1833
Mr. Goodrich Oct 21. 1833.
Mr. Dibble's strictures on Mr. Stewart.

Some of the general remarks in your letters have been of much use to me, in giving me definite views of the actual state of the nations society. Perhaps you perceived this in remarks on the State of the islands and the mission in the 24th. Report. Taking the whole series of your communications into view, including your letter of March 28th in which you described the results of your protracted meetings, I know not that I should object to them as being too desponding. We bless the Lord for the encouragement you found in that meeting. Even though it demonstrated ~~the~~ no more than, the possibility of moving the native mind to thought & feeling, it was something to be remembered with gratitude.

I have a remark or two for Mr. Dibble respecting his critique on Mr. Stewart. I gave it to Mr. Winslow of Ceylon to read, & he remarked that it was not written with a good spirit. This, I will frankly say, was my own impression. It has all the effect of exaggeration on the reader's mind, & an exaggeration of the defects of Mr. Stewart's work, or rather of Mr. Stewart himself. I have no doubt but Mr. Stewart is prone to color his descriptions under the uncontrolable influence of an exuberant fancy; but brother Dibble must take care, when he remarks upon Mr. S. not to allow censoriousness to exert any influence on his own mind.

I believe the above hints are given in brotherly love, & so they will doubtless be received.

I am much obliged to Mr. Goodrich for his account of the manner of making kapa.

The Hellespont sailed yesterday with a missionary, a bookbinder, another printer (all married), an unmarried female to teach native females to spin & weave, & a sister of Mr. Hitchcock, who will reside with him and teach school. I send this by a vessel bound to Valparaiso, where the Hellespont is to touch. They will both be there probably at the same time. In much haste. The Lord be with you, & your partners,

most truly yours,

R. Anderson

Miss. Rooms Boston Dec. 6. 1834

Rev. Messrs. Thurston & Bishop
Kailua Haw. Isl.

Dear Brethren,

The letters from you on file before me are as follows: viz:—
From Messrs Thurston & Bishop dated Sept. 20. /33
" Bishop & Thurston & Forbs. Nov. 9. 1833
" Mrs Thurston Sept. 19. 1833
" Mr Bishop Nov. 12. 1833

The greater part of the last, has made its appearance in the Herald. Of Mr. Ruggles return, which is the subject of the second, & his reception & his present situation & hopes & prospects, you will no doubt hear directly from himself. He is desirous of returning to the islands next year, but I doubt whether his health will be sufficiently restored.

Mr Thurstons request for books was attended to some time since. I shall be happy to do all in my power for the good of your children. On the subject of their return, I need add nothing, perhaps, to what I have said in the general letter of the second inst., or rather, I may say, in the last two or three general letters. If you have a good opportunity to send any of your children home, & have no one whom you can trust to find a guardian & a home for them, you may consign them to us for that purpose. Only you must give us all the helpful suggestions you can think of. — In case you need books ~~or~~ & apparatus for your children, which you cannot obtain from the depository at Honolulu, I wish to know it. I have. I have been enabled to reduce my multifarious business to so much order (though far from perfect) that the request in your letters are rarely overlooked or neglected.

Does Mr. Hill, or rather Mr. Chapman our depository, succeed in purchasing clothes to suit you? Perhaps you may find some one in the mission who is artist enough to measure you, for the different kinds of clothing.

R. Anderson.

P.S. I enclose an extract of a letter from the Rev. Chas. C. Beatty, of Steubenville, Ohio, to Dr. Wisner, which will be interesting to Mr. & Mrs. Bishop

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Miss. Rooms Boston Dec 6. 1834

Rev. H. R. Hitchcock
Honolulu, Sand. Isl.

My Dear Brother

By the Hellespont, which sailed yesterday, we send you a living epistle, in the person of your sister Elizabeth, which will no doubt be very acceptable. I had not time to write by her as she will explain, having spent a fortnight in my family. I send this by a vessel which is expected to meet the Hellespont at Valparaiso.

We expect your sister to reside with you & to be employed in teaching school. See by all means that she learns the native language as fast as possible.

Our dear brethren & sisters must be uncomfortably situated to-day, as it storms, & they must be within its influence. I trust they will be preserved from danger.

We have received your station letter of Nov. 5. 1833. & your requests have been noticed.

Please say to Mr. Smith that I rec'd his letters of Apl 5. & May 1833, & also of Oct 21st. I fear I shall not be able to write him before the vessel sails.

I am most truly yours

R. Anderson

Miss. Rooms Boston Dec 6. /34

Rev. Messrs. Green & Tinker
in Wailuku. Sand. Isls.

Dear Brother,

Twenty missionaries, male & female, have sailed from this port during the past week — 12 bound to Southeastern Africa & 8. to the Sand Isls. In fitting away these missionaries, I have been deprived ~~of~~ entirely of the assistance of br. Wisner, in consequence of his absence in Ohio, & wholly that of brother Greene, in consequence of the duties of his own department, & the sickness & death of his brother Samuel in his family, & the sickness of his brothers wife, & his own wife. By the Hellespont which sailed yesterday with a sixth reinforcement to your mission, I sent a few letters, in addition to the general letter & one to the ~~King~~ King A. I send these few lines by a brig which expects to meet the Hellespont at Valparaiso.

On the file of letters before me are the following communications from you viz: —

From Messrs. Greene & Tinker Oct. 19. 1833
" Mr. Greene dated December 6. 1833. —
" " Tinker " — Oct 23. 1833 —
" " letter to his brother; reasons why he should not go to the Marquesas
~~D~~ Mr. Tinker's ~~D~~ sermon on his exploring mission to Washington Islands.
Mr. Tinker's Sermon preached at Gen. meeting. June 6. 1833

The books & pencils requested in your letters have been sent. We have also sent a quantity of books; chiefly new books, by the Hellespont; the numbers of each vary from one to half a dozen.

We have published less about the mission to the W. Isls. than we should have done, had it not been so doubtful (1) whether a mission would instituted; & (2) whether it would be continued. There was no feeling here, to my knowledge, which made it necessary for Mr Tinker to send home a copy of his letter to his brethren. Yet it was. The mission has been relinquished, but a great deal of valuable information & experience has grown out of it. His last sermon has passed through a number of hands & we have read all of them with interest & profit, & may yet have occasion to make considerable use of them.

We sympathize in your trials, but by no means feel discouraged. In due time we shall reap if we faint not. — R. Anderson

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Missionary Rooms Boston Dec. 6. 1834.

Rev. Messrs Baldwin & Lyons
Waimea Sand. Isls.

My Dear Brother,

The Hellespont left us yesterday with a sixth reinforcement of your mission. I send a few lines by the Brig which expects to meet the Hellespont at Valparaiso, for the purpose of acknowledging your letters now on file. They are one from you both, dated Oct 26. 1833, & one from Mr Baldwin dated Nov. 21. 1833. I believe a considerable part of both these letters have been published, & indeed they were very good.

The books, forerko, & infant school apparatus have been ~~[illegible]~~ procured and forwarded. And arrangement has been made for the payment of the debt, which gave Mr. Baldwin so much uneasiness.

The subject of boarding schools is referred to the discretion of the mission. We suppose you will soon secure such native assistants as you need without them.

I can add no more now, except to desire affectionate regards to your partners, to request an interest in your prayers, & invoke upon you the blessing of our Lord & Saviour.

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Dec 8. 1834

Messrs Shepard & Rogers
Honolulu.

Dear Brethren,

This will introduce to you if the Lord has preserved ~~you~~ both of you alive, Mr. Edwin O. Hall, who will be your associate in printing, & Mr. Henry Dimond, who takes charge of the Binding. They come to us well recommended, & we trust will be eminently useful in their respective departments of labor.

By the Hardy we hope to send to Valparaiso to go on board of the Hellespont, a considerable quantity of materials for book binding.

I scarcely expect that this will find Mr. Stearns in the land of the living; if not, my tender sympathies to his bereaved partner; if he is, I would exhort him to gird up the loins of his mind, & be fully in readiness for his Lord.—

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Dec. 8. 1834.

Rev. Ephm. W. Clark.
Honolulu

My Dear Brother,

You have learned before this that your own sister has gone to Ceylon as Mrs. Ward. We proposed to Miss Lucy Kittredge to go to your help, but, in consequence of her health, she thought it her duty to decline. She will no doubt write you on the subject. Her health does not appear to be good; & I have been concerned to find that Miss Hitchcock is no better.

I have now written twenty letters to the islands, by the Hellespont & the Hardy, in addition to the general letter of five sheets, & have replied, though ~~[illegible]~~ more briefly than I could desire, to the letters of all the brethren. I design, the next year, if life & health are spared, to write fewer documents & more letters. The documents, however, & the research which they have required, have been necessary, but the necessity has much diminished. The Reports & Instructions which I have written the last year & a half would make a large octavo. I bless the Lord that I have had health for it, & would thank him for all the blessings I have enjoyed in the work.

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Dec. 8. 1834.

Rev. Messrs Richards & Spaulding
& Doct. Alonzo Chapin.

Dear Brethren,

I wrote to Mr. Andrews on the 3d inst. by the Hellespont which sailed on the 5th with a sixth reinforcement for your mission. I now send you a few lines by the Brig Hardy, which expects to ~~meet~~ reach Valparaiso before the Hellespont leaves that port. I can write, however, only a very few lines.

The only letters from your station in the file before ~~you~~ me, except letters from Mr. Andrews ~~and~~ are the station letters dated Nov. 20 1833, & a letter from Doct. Chapin dated Oct 6th. Indeed the letter was written from Hilo.

The apparatus clothing, books &c. requested in these letters were transferred to my memorandum book, & into the hands of our Depository, & no doubt have been sent:- Excepting the telescope, which goes in the Hardy. This instrument has magnifying powers, of I think 45 & 65. & will probably answer your purpose.

I know not what we ought to say to your suggestions about bringing your school instructions at the station chiefly into the sabbath. Until you have better native teachers, it is obvious that schools which are not under your immediate inspection are of little worth. The times for assembling the schools, must therefore, ~~must~~ be determined by your convenience.

For suggestions &c relating to your High School, station school, boarding schools, & infant schools, I must refer you to the General letters within within the last six months.

The cuts for animals &c. requested by Doct. Chapin, I will endeavor to procure.

Mr. Richards especially will feel interested in whatever relates to the return of children of missionaries to this country. On that subject I refer you to the printed minutes sent in the Hellespont & the general letter of Dec. 2nd.

Doct. Chapin suggests a fact which is new to me, viz. That some of the brethren in the mission, I know not who, hold lands, to which natives are attached as serfs. Is it so? The wisdom of this strikes me as being exceedingly questionable. I wish some of you would give me more information on the subject. We at the Rooms ought to be armed at all points with facts. In case, however, there is anything out of the way, the sooner it is set right the better. The enemy is ignorant of our weak spots, but we cannot expect him always to be so.

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Dec 8. 1834

Rev. Messrs. Whitney & Gulick
Kauai, Sand. Isl.

Dear Brethren,

The Hellespont sailed on Friday with a sixth reinforcement for your mission. I had not time to write you by her, as six families embarked for southeastern Africa, or rather sailed, on the previous Wednesday. I now send a few lines, & only a few, by the brig Hardy, which expects to reach Valparaiso before the Hellespont leaves that port.

On file before me are Mr. Whitney's of Sept 9. 1833, Dec 18th & 23th & his journal of his visit to the society, Georgian & Washington Islands; & Mr. Gulick's letter of Jany. 25. 1833, Aug 22nd Nov. & Dec. 1833. his journal from Dec. 11. 1832, & an Essay.

Mr. Greene also rec. a letter from Mr. Whitney, which he has answered.

Maria Whitney spent a night at my house last week. She is fast growing to the stature of a young lady, & is an interesting girl. She has an excellent home at her uncle Woodly's. An annual grant of 40 $ is made to her. Her sister who came with Mr. Ruggles we saw last summer. I have no doubt but the Lord will watch ~~f~~ over them both for good.

You may be surprised that we have published no more concerning the two mission to the Washington Islands. The reasons have been (1.) The uncertainty whether a mission would be commenced; & (2.) Whether it would be continued: & now it has been relinquished. It seems a pity, however, that no more public use should be made of the abundance of excellent materials we have on hand.

You will see ~~that~~ in the ~~present~~ Report we have corrected the error which Mr. Evarts some how ~~or~~ fell into, some years ago, respecting the island of Kauai.

Allow me to suggest to Mr. Gulick that, in compassion to our weak eyes, it is advisable for him to make his page less crowded — the lines being placed farther apart, and all going in one direction. This may seem a trivial suggestion, but it is important. A little more paper & a little more postage would be nothing in comparison to the straining of the eyes, & the consequent diminished interest of the document. I like his giving so many facts, but should prefer, where it can be, that those relating to the same person should be brought more together.

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Dec 8. 1834.

Rev. Titus Coan, on board
ship Hellespont. Valparaiso.

Dear Brother,

I send a number of letters by the brig Hardy to go to Sand. Isls. We also send a number of boxes, one of which contains a telescope for the High

School. We shall endeavor to get on board a bureau for Miss Hitchcock, a rocking chair for her & one for Miss Brown, & a considerable quantity of materials for bookbinding according to Mr Dimond's list. Whether there will be room for these and other things, I do not yet know.

The wind blew violently here from S. W. with rain the morning after you sailed. You must have had an uncomfortable time. However the wind has thus far been fair. I trust the Lord will carry you safely across the deep.

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Dec 8. 1834

Rev. Daniel Lindley & two other
brethren on board the Burlington

Dear Brethren,

Ever since you left us we have been rejoicing, & I hope in a manner grateful, that you have had such a good wind to carry you off the coast. I was sorry to be unable to see you sail on Wednesday, but duty to the Sandwich Islands forbid. Our brethren for these islands sailed on Friday, about 11. A. M. Their accommodations on board were very limited, compared with yours. However, they were pretty good.

I shall send you what letters and pamphlets may be on ~~board~~ hand when the sails.

There is nothing further which it is important to say, & I have little time,

R. Anderson

Miss. Rooms Boston Dec 17. 1834

Dear Brother Poor
Ceylon.

I understand a vessel is about sailing for Calcutta (if she has not sailed). I have only ~~suff~~ time to communicate the fact, that Gen. Van Rensselaer of Albany has taken upon himself the expense of Warren's education. For this we will bless the Lord. Warren, however, is not to know the fact for the present, until Prof. Hitchcock thinks it will be better for him to know that the expense of his education is provided for, than to be ignorant of it. We all think well of Warren, but he is a youth.

Most truly yours
R Anderson

P.S. I send the letters in my possession for the mail.

Missionary Rooms Boston Jany 4. 1835

My dear Brother Ramsey,

While I sympathize with you most deeply in the sore afflictions you have been constrained to pass through, I rejoice with you that the Lord has brought you & your dear babes safely to your native land. To what perils were you subjected on our watery coast! You escaped safely to land, if indeed you have been permitted to land, was marvellous. To our gracious Saviour, who is ever with his missionary servants agreeably to his promise, be the praise.

Your letter from St Helena reached us on the 25th of Nov. & your letter from Liverpool only a few days since. The intelligence of Mrs Ramsey's death came as suddenly and unexpectedly upon us as the event did upon you. Our prayer is that the affliction may be sanctified to you & to us — that we may learn our mortality & be excited to greater diligence in our master's service.

If your health permit I think it important for you to visit us as soon as you shall have been refreshed by a visit to your friends in Phila. We wish to confer with you concerning the mission, & of course the sooner you can come the better. However, we have a cold winter, & you must use all due precaution. Be warmly clad by all means, & avoid too much preaching, & unnecessary exposures.

Make my house your home while you are in Boston, & come at once to it — No. 1 Pinkney Street. A line informing me at what time we may expect you, will be gladly received.

In much haste. May you & your babes be divinely blessed. My brethren speak of you with affection

Most truly yours

R. Anderson

Miss. Rooms Boston Jany 6. 1835

Rev. Miron Winslow
New York city.

My Dear Brother.

Yours of the 13th ult was duly rec'd & the enclosed forwarded as you desired.

I am glad to hear from brother Wisner that you are at last seated down to your writing, though, for the sake of your society, I would have wished it had been in Boston rather than New York. But it is doubtleſs well as it is.

I enclose Mr. Spaulding's letter to you. A journal giving the same & other particulars ~~accounts~~ of his journey, has lately come to hand.

There is nothing new from Ceylon, & you probably saw Mr. Ramsey from Bombay.

I understood brother Wisner you will be in readineſs (D.V.) to embark in May. So be it. We will make our arrangements for that time.

Will it do to designate you publicly to the contemplated station at Madras, without knowing more certainly the feelings of the Madras government?

Will it be important to aſsociate one of the older brethren with you? If so, who? Will not Mr. Spaulding have been appointed by the brethren to the Madraſs miſsion? If not, what shall you think of Mr. Robt. O. Dwight, of the last Andover claſs, for an aſsociate?

Ought Mr. Miner to remove from Jaffna to Madras, or shall we send out a new man to Madras, acquainted with stereotyping, cutting types &c, & leave Mr Miner in Jaffna? This we could do if it be on the whole best. I do not refer to Mr. North: he goes to Singapore, & the man I do refer to perhaps needs a little more seasoning as to character, but is unusually promising for a period 4 or 5 years hence. He will probably go out with you & be sent to Bombay for a year or two, if we find no other situation more desirable for him before that time

Please write me on this and other subjects fully, as soon as you find the time

I rejoice in your prospect for a domestic arrangement, & desire my Xtian salutations to the lady.

Yours &c.
R Anderson

Miss. Rooms Boston Jany 13. 1835

Mr. J. H. Grandpierre
Paris. France.

Rev. & Dear Sir

I send you, according to our usage three of our annual Reports for the past year, which I beg you will accept for yourself & your society. The Report will inform you of the Lord's dealings with us & of our feeble attempts to serve him in the work of missions among the heathen.

In the appendix you will have the plan of our mission in Southeastern Africa. Our brethren will be near neighbors to yours, & I trust will labor as brethren beloved in the same Lord. We were guided by the advice of Dr. Philip in our choice of a field, & hope not a design not to interfere with the operations of your institution in that part of the world. Any suggestions which you have to offer on this subject will be very thankfully recieved

Our Miss. Herald is sent to you regularly from New York, & I hope is as regularly recieved.

Your Report for 1834, is before me, & N.os 1. 2. 3. 4. 6. 7. 9. 11. of your "journal des missions Evangeliques." The 5. 8. 10. & 12. have not yet reached us, & we fear the three former may have failed altogether. We shall be happy to make out set of Miss. Heralds complete, if you will inform us what Nos. are missing

Yours &c

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Jany 15. 1835

Rev. C. F. Schlienz
Malta

Rev. & Dear Sir.

I herewith send you ~~a~~ copies of our last Report, with Missionary Herald, two copies of Biblical Repository & Quarterly Observer, & one of the American Quarterly Register. The Reports Missionary Herald, & Quarterly Register are a gratuity. Mr Hill says you a subscriber for two copies of the Biblical Repository. As that is now combined with American Quar. Observer, & the price increased (though the work will only cost you four dollars a year) you will judge whether to continue it. I hope you will as I doubt not it will be exceedingly valuable. I shall send you parcel to Malta direct, & if not to Gibraltar, as you requested.

I am glad to hear you have printed Mr Bird's tracts on Popery. Our wish is to pay the full cost of them without fail. If the bills have not been sent to Syria, please forward them direct to Mr Hill, our Treasurer & the money shall be remitted. We shall be glad of one or two copies, if you have any to spare

I send you a reprint of the first Ten Reports of our Board for your Library, & also a Memoir of Gordon Hall,

Yours &c

R. Anderson

P.S. I beg a respectful remembrance to your associations. I would also acknowledge yours of Oct 29th which I recd about three weeks since. Fearing that the Herald for the past year may not all reach you I add the whole bound volume to your parcel. Be so good as to inform me whether you have rec'd the Repository complete.

Boston Jany 19. 1835.

Rev. Wm Ellis Sect. of the
London Missionary Society

My Dear Brother,

I wrote you on the 27th of August last, stating the relinquishment of the Marquesas mission by Messrs Alexander, Armstrong & Parker, & the reasons for that relinquishment. I hope the letter reached you.

The Missionary Herald, which I trust you recieve regularly, will inform you of our operations in other parts of the world where you have missions.

Last summer while I was absent on a journey for the benefit of my health, representations were recieved at the Rooms from our missionaries at Canton, & also ~~at~~ from our missionaries at Siam (who were detained at Singapore) that a printing establishment was for sale, & had been offered to our mission for a specific and reasonable sum. We were informed that it was private property owned by Mr. Thompson & I think some others; that it had been offered to your Society, & officially ~~declined~~ declined, & that it would form an admirable commencement for our contemplated printing establishment in that part of the world. The representation of our missionaries, & of Mr Thomson, were so satisfactory to our Committee, that Mr Bridgman was authorised to make the purchase & it was made at $1500. Indeed the case was thought to be so clear, & to come so evidently within the scope of general instructions already sent to the missionaries, that our brethren did not wait to hear from us.

The commencement of an establishment at Singapore leads me to say a few words in explanation of our views concerning such places. We suppose that the erection of a printing establishment at Singapore to be no no interference with your operations. The larger printing establishments of all the Missionary Societies must ordinarily be at the chief marts of commerce. Thus, in the Mediterranean, your Society & ours & the Church Missionary Society all had printing establishments at Malta. Smyrna will be another such a centre. Other such will be founded, in the East Indies, at Madras, Bombay, & Calcutta; & further east, at Singapore. Such places also will be places for rest and refreshments & the larger societies will find it necessary to have some representation at ~~least~~ each of them, if they have missions these countries. Our printing for the Mahrattas must be done at Bombay; & for the Tamul people for the major part, at Madras; because to those places we have easy & frequent access with our presses & paper by water. For that & for other reasons, our printing for Siam, for Sumatra & Nias (in case we have missions there,) & even for China, must, for the present, be done at Singapore. We presume that similar reasons will ultimately bring the presses of yours & other Societies to the same place. In this there will be no interference. The nature of the case requires it.

I presume these to be the views of your Society; yet, it seemed proper to make the statement of them lest there should be some misunderstanding.

Mr Medhurst, in a recent letter describing a most distressing occurrence to two of our missionaries in Sumatra, says the inquiry is often asked, for what purpose we are *exploring* in those islands, & that he is at a loss how to give a satisfactory answer. Perhaps you may have heard similar queries. *It is not*, then, because the means are not at command~~ed~~, without going a step from home of learning very much concerning the Archipelago. It is not because we are ignorant of eligible places, at which we might plant four times, many times as many missionaries as we can obtain. It is because we can think of no other way of ~~[illegible]~~ so rapidly calling the attention of our churches to those extensive & populous islands, & awakening an interest that shall secure us ample means, through the divine blessings, both of men & money, for extensive missions in those islands. Such has been the course pursued by our Board, of late years especially, & with very encouraging results. The great body of our missionaries are not explorers, but we always have a few out. It is nothing to the purpose that there is information in existence, if we cannot persuade our churches to acquaint themselves with it. We know that what our own missionaries see & describe, many thousands will read, & an interest is awakened, & many consequently give much more liberally for missions in these fields, & pray more for them, & more of our young men offer themselves for the service. It is a fact, also, that missionaries pursuing their researches with specific instructions, ~~when~~ throw a brighter light upon particular fields, & the officers of the Board move onward more ~~encouraging~~ courageously.

Our researches in the Archipelago, however, have been suddenly arrested by a most distressing event, with which you will be acquainted before this reaches you, & mean, by the murder of Messrs Munson & Lyman in Sumatra on the 28th of June. The fact of their having been married men, (which has been unusual with our explorers,) & their anxiety to return to their families, probably induced them to hasten too much, & hence the sad result. We would however, notice the hand of God in this event, & be silent. Perhaps great good may come out of it, even to the murderous Battas themselves.

I have directed our agent in New York to send our Heralds, Reports &c. designed for London, hereafter to Mr. Jackson agreeable to your ~~request~~ proposal. We feel greatly obliged to Mr. Arundell & yourself for all your kind assistance to us in this and all other respects. I see not how we can return your kindness.

Our 25th Report goes at the same time with this letter. We also send three copies of Mr. Abeel's work on China, &c; one for yourself, one for Mr. Arundel, & one for your Societies Library. In virtue of your very useful agency for us when you were in this country, we also send you the Biblical Repository & Quarterly Observer & the American Quarterly Register, which we shall continue to send for the present. The Repository & Observer have been united, & will prove a very useful work.

Yours &c.

R. Anderson

P.S. A letter ~~of~~ to Mr. Hill on business from one of your missionaries ~~at~~ in the South Seas, informs us that they have adopted the temperance principal of total abstinence from ardent spirits, & that the Chiefs had prohibited importation of the poison. I should have said the chief of the Tahaitian government. In this we all rejoice greatly. The Lord be praised.

Jany 22. The papers mention the death of Dr. Morrison on the 1st of Aug. He has been a "star in the East". May there soon be a constellation of such stars.

Boston Jany 22. 1835

A/ ~~L~~. Mc Ministre Thomas
Switzerland

Revd & Dear Sir,

Permit me to introduce to your Christian acquaintance & confidence the Rev. Heman Humphry, D.D. President of one of our most flourishing & respectable Colleges, situated in Amherst, in the state of Mass. Pres. Humphry visits Europe for the benefit of his health, & we hope he will go as far as Lausanne. Should he visit you, receive him as a brother beloved & greatly respected & confided in by the churches of this western world.

Any attentions you may be able to show him will be gratefully recieved, & will be duely acknowledged by yours in the bonds of the gospel

of the Lord Jesus
R. Anderson

P. S. I wrote you a long letter on the 26th of Dec. 1833. which I hope you have recieved.

Boston Jany 24. 1835

Dear Brethren of the
Mahratta Mission

A vessel is just on the point of sailing for Calcutta, but I have a minute ~~to write~~ in which to write ~~to you~~ a line.

Mr Ramsey has arrived safely, as he will inform you: he is writing at the same table with myself. He came near being wrecked on our coast, but the Lord marvellously preserved the ship:

I hope to write you at considerable length by the next vessel, & to reply to the letters ~~&~~ I have recieved by letters addressed to the writers.

We have two good scholars & very promising men engaged for your mission as missionaries. Their names are Webster & Ballantine. We have also a printer by the name of Webster learning the art of stereotyping & type founding, cutting punches &c. & expect him to labor, for some time in connection with Mr. Sampson.

At the earnest solicitation of the American Bible Society's officers, I am now writing as good a letter as I can, to encourage them to go on making appropriations to our missionaries. I am almost alarmed at the fact that eleven thousand dollars have been appropriated to your mission by the Am Bible Society. Surely the Bombay Bible Society will make common cause with you in ~~you~~ preventing the zeal in this country for supplying the heathen with the word of God, from experiencing a disastrous check. It must not be.

I expect to write you at considerable length on the subject of the printing establishment, in my next. All I would now say is, that I recommended a curtailment of your English printing, excepting perhaps that which is purely religious.

Yours &c.
R. Anderson

Boston Jany 27. 1835.

Rev. Wm H. Medhurst
Batavia Java.

My Dear Sir,

Your communication dated Sept. 10. giving us the mournful tidings of the death of our brethren Munson & Lyman, was recd. a week ago. I immediately drew up a short account for the mercantile papers, & a large one for the religious papers, partly to correct reports which had already begun to fly, but ~~each~~ chiefly to gratify an interest which was intense every where to know the particulars of an event so unprecedented in our operations. We shall of course give a still more particular account in the Miss. Herald.

I designed, my dear Sir, to write you at considerable length, but it is only an hour since I heard that a vessel had been privately fitted out for Batavia & Canton, & would sail tomorrow. As I must write a number of letters each one must be brief.

In reflecting upon the sudden and early removal of these brethren, we are more & more disposed to connect the event with the mysterious but all wise Providence of God. I can see already how God may bring great good out of it, by the attentions and sympathies which are awakened. So that while we weep in view of our loss of such active & promising laborers & weep with sorrowing widows, we may rejoice in view of the wisdom, power, & goodness of God. One of our principal objects in this exploring mission was to attract the attention of our churches to the Archipelago, & awaken an interest that, through the divine blessing, should secure us ample means, both of men & money, for extensive missions in these islands. We had the means without going a step from home, of learning much concerning the Indian islands. We had a good knowledge of places where we could plant four times, nay many times as many missionaries as we could command. There was information enough within reach to enable us to commence a number of missions without exploring an inch of ground. But our churches were not familiar with this information, & we could not induce them to read so as to become interested. There were no possible means within our reach of exciting, with God's blessing, such a speedy & powerful interest in those populous islands, as would secure to us numerous missionaries & abundance of funds, except of sending out of men to traverse the ground, & write home fresh & glowing accounts of what they themselves had seen & heard. God has been pleased to take a still more summary method of exciting attention & interest, & I expect as a consequence of this event, that our churches will feel far more deeply for the Battas, & will not be contented till the gospel sounds on the very spot where the shouts of the savages proclaimed that our brethren had fallen.

You perceive, then, dear brother, the leading object we proposed in this mission, & that it was different from any you refer to in your letter. Such has been the course pursued by our Board for several years past, & with the happiest results. The great body of our missionaries are not explorers, but we always have a few out. What our own missionaries see & describe, many thousands will read, & many consequently give much more liberally for missions in those fields & pray more for them, & more of our young men offer themselves for the service. It is a fact, also, that missionaries pursuing the researches with specific instructions, throw a brighter light upon particular fields, & we are enabled to move on with more courage.

Our brethren must have been strongly encouraged by the post holder at Tappanooly to proceed into the interior, his own subsequent declarations to the contrary notwithstanding: but it is to be regretted that they did not give more weight to the apprehensions of their native friends. As it is, we can only say 'Even so, Father for so it seemed good in thy sight." They did what they conceived to be their duty & did it fearlessly.

I presume that Mrs Munson & Mrs Lyman are either of them on their way home in a ship belonging to a friend of ours, which was to leave Batavia in October, or have removed to Singapore where Mr & Mrs Tracy are. We feel deeply indebted by your kindness to them. On their pecuniary affairs Mr Hill will write you by this opportunity. I shall also write them a few lines; & if life is spared, you will hear from me again. Let me thank you for the many valuable suggestions in your letter. We shall bear them continually in mind.

I send you a copy of Mr. Abeel's work on China &c. also our last Report, & the last volume of our Herald bound, & the Nos for the present year.

I hope you approve of our erecting a printing establishment at Singapore. Most of the ~~P~~ printing of the Societies operating in Southern & Eastern Asia must of course be done at the great marts of commerce. Our manufacuries of books may be there; our missions, for which those books are designed, may be at considerable distances; in the latter case, at Siam, on Sumatra, Nias, Borneo. Our design is to avoid interferences & to maintain a good understanding with all our ~~both sides~~ brethren in this work of the Lord Jesus.

Contrary to my expectation, ~~therefore~~, I have filled a sheet; but I must stop. May you be rewarded a thousand fold for your kindness to our missionaries male & female. if there is any thing we can do for you in return, we should be glad to do it.

I am, very dear Sir
Most truly yours,
R. Anderson

Boston Jany 27. 1835

To Mrs Munson & Lyman
Batavia

Dear & afflicted ~~F~~ Friends,

With the deepest sympathy have we heard of your affliction. The church of God in this land have also heard the tidings with deep sympathy: & few are those whom God has written widows, for whom so many prayers ascend to heaven, as will ascend for you. Let this encourage you to hope that you heavenly Father will not leave you comfortless, but will come unto you, & by his wonderful power & grace will turn your mourning into joy,

& make your afflictions the sanctified means of working out for you a far more exceeding & eternal weight of glory. Your dear partners where are they? From that happy world into which the Lord has been pleased to receive them early, you would not call them if you could. You would rather seek to be more & more prepared to follow them in the Lord's own good time.

The Vancouver, by which I send this, is privately fitted out, & it was only this afternoon that I heard of her, & then was informed that she was to sail tomorrow. I have thought it possible that you might be on your return to this country in a ship belonging to Mr Richardson which was to sail from Batavia about the 1st of October. It is more probable, however, that you have removed to Singapore & made your home with Mr & Mrs Tracy. In case you have not removed thither, I advise you to do so, & employ yourselves usefully as the servants of the Lord Jesus & his messengers to the heathen. Should either of you, or both of you, wish to return to your native land, you have our full permission. We have thought that Mrs Munson would probably choose to return on account of her child; & we have thought, too, that Mrs Lyman as she has no children would wish to remain, & procure, if possible at Singapore, a school of Chinese & Malay females. Such a decision on the part of either of you, cordially made with the approbation of Mr Tracy, would give us great pleasure. But if you, after all, deem it your duty to return home, & a favorable opportunity permits, the Board will cheerfully bear the expense. We shall be anxious to know your decision.

Mr. Hill has written Mr Medhurst on the subject of your pecuniary affairs.

The letters & parcels addressed to your husband

I send as heretofore. They will come into your hands & will contribute to the relief of your mind. They are in the parcel for Singapore.

And now, dear & afflicted friends, I would exhort you to look more at the Providence of God, & less at the agency of man, in the calamity which has befallen you. Man meant it for evil. God doubtless meant it for good. God ~~has~~ ordered all the circumstances in infinite wisdom & love. He permitted your husbands to go forward into the interior of Sumatra, & detained them when on the island of Nias, & he permitted the Battas to fall upon them. You may yet see great good come to ~~them~~ these degraded murderers, who knew not what they did. The churches of your native land have already silently resolved, I doubt not, that the gospel shall be preached where they died, & to the very men by whom they were slain. In their deaths they may have done more than they could have done with their lives.

Write me freely

Yours &c.

R. Anderson

Boston Jany 28. 1835.

Rev. Ira Tracy,
Singapore

My Dear Brother,

Yesterday P.M. I heard of that a vessel had fitted out privately for Batavia, & was to sail today. As it rains today, I presume she will not get away. I must write you a few lines, & expect to write you more fully by a vessel which is to sail, two or three weeks hence, for Batavia & Canton.

I have written to Mr. Medhurst, & to the bereaved and afflicted widows of your departed Munson & Lyman. That event took us so much by surprise & was so ~~much~~ appaling, that it was some time before we could see any of the Lords gracious promises in it. Now we are led to think it will prove as the beginning of the Serampore mission press did many years ago. It will attract the attention of the churches awaken sympathies, call forth prayer, stir up the zeal of the churches, & very likely will prove, in the overruling Providence of God, a great blessing to the poor Battas, who knew not what they did. At the same time it should teach us caution when going among a savage people, to prepare the way, if possible, by some previous intercourse by correspondence & messengers. Our brethren were ~~not~~ no doubt were assured by the postholder at Tappanooly that there was no danger, or they would not have ventured forward.

If Mrs Munson & Mrs Lyman are with you, they will show you my letter to them. We have some expectation that Mrs Lyman, not having any children, will choose to remain at Singapore & collect a school of Chinese & Malay females. Perhaps both may choose to remain & render themselves useful to the cause. But should either or both of them feel that it is their duty to return home, they are authorised to return, & you will make the best arrangement for them you can. Possibly they may even now be on their way from Batavia in a vessel belonging to Mr Richardson of Boston, which was to leave there about the 1st of October.

Mr. Alfred North, a very intelligent printer, is now learning to manufacture types & stereotype plates, preparatory to his going out to Singapore next summer. Should Mr. Williams, also, remove to Singapore at any future time, they will divide the work between them. Mr. Williams taking the Chinese perhaps, & Mr. North the other languages. Mr. North will take out appa ratus for making types &c &c. We shall send you a quantity of paper soon.

Has the land been purchased yet? The Com. as perhaps you know, made conditional arrangements for the purchase. Brother Wisner wrote on the subject last ~~#~~ summer when I was absent.

I hope it will turn out that the London Soc. will have no occasion to feel badly at our purchase of the presses, types, &c at Singapore. They will certainly have no just occasion, if Mr. Thomson made no mistake in his representations concerning it. But as he has had some difficulties with his society, I have had fears that probably all might not have been exactly as it should have been. I was absent when the subject was settled in Com.; & indeed the purchase was made, before any thing was heard from the Com. My associates knew nothing of Mr. Thompson's misunderstanding with his Society. If the facts are as was supposed, all is well. The presses & types, are just what we desired & needed. Write me on this subject.

I trust you are by this time a married man. My best wishes to you & yours.

There is a rumor that the missionaries have been expelled from Siam. Such a thing is not improbable. If so, it will no doubt be overruled for good. I send all that is on hand for you & the Siam brethren. Hope to have time to write them by this opportunity; if not, shall by the next.

Your communications from Canton of Apl. 15, & May 7th have been recd.. So has your letter from Singapore Aug 5th which I shall answer more at length in my next.

Yours &c.

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Jany 26. 1835

Peter Jackson Esqr
London

Dear Sir,

I recd. your letter of Aug 12. 1834. in reply to mine of Feb. 26th on the 18th of October. I did not receive the books till some time in Nov. I think near the last of the month. For a time I feared they were lost, as I rec. no information from your house in Liverpool as to the vessel in which they were sent. As you kindly assure me there shall be no such a delay in answering our orders in future, I will say nothing of the inconvenience this occasioned us.

One thing I must note as a caution. When the box was opened at the Custom House, a parcel designed for Mrs Sigourney of Hartford was found in it. This exposed us to the liability of forfeiting the entire contents of the box. You recollect that the books for the ~~third social~~ "Third Social Library of Boston" come free of duty, according to our laws. In a box containing books for the Library of the Board, there would not be the same objection, provided the parcels were mentioned in the invoice.

We shall send another order for the "Social Library" before long. The order I now send is for the Library of the A,B,C,F,M, & your charges for it are to be placed to the account of Henry Hill Esqr. our Treasurer, who has already made you an ample remittance of funds.

I Please send to Henry Hill Esqr. Tr. of A.B. C.F.M. Cornhill Boston, the following works. viz: –

(1.) Two sets of Dr. Morrison's Dictionary of the Chinese language, & of any other of his treaties on the Chinese language. I believe there is a thin folio pamphlet on the the Alphabet.

(2) Two copies of the Eng. Edn. of Smith & Dwight's Researches in Armenia.
(3). History of Madagascar: edited by Mr. Ellis
(4). Wandering in ~~North~~ South Wales, Batavia, Pedir coast, &c by Geo. Burnett Esqr. 2 vol. 8 vo.
(5) Burnes Travels into Bokhara. 3. vol. 8. vo
(6) Arrowsmiths map of Central ~~Arabia~~ Asia & the Indus; illustrations of Burnes Travels into Bokhara.
(7) Philips Researches into South Africa. 2 vol. Two sets.
(8) Journal of three years Residence in Abbasynia by Saml. Gobat. With the accompanying maps
(9) Rev. John Holmes History of the Protestant Church of the United Brethren. 2d vols.
(10) Reports of British & Foreign Bible Society: viz: for the years 18~~3~~14. 1815. 1825. 1826. etc. to 1835. if not when you send: i.e. Reports for thirteen years which are wanting to complete our set.

II. Send to Rev. Ira Tracy, American Missionary. Singapore & charge also to Henry Hill.
Two sets of Dr. Morrisons Chinese Dictionary & also of his Grammar of Chinese language

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You request me to mention to me Booksellers or Publisher in Boston, to whom you may safely consign on sale a quantity of any works you may publish likely to suit our market. Taking all things into view I have no hesitation in recommending Messrs Crocker & Brewster, who are our publishers, in preference to any others. In a pecuniary point of view, none are regarded as safer. They have an extensive correspondence, & are very enterprising, & keep a larger amount of foreign works, in the German language, on hand for sale, than any other booksellers in the city.

If you wish, also to obtain new & popular American works for republication, their judgment would probably be as good as any other ~~in the~~ booksellers or publishers, especially in religious works: or rather I should restrict my remarks to works designed for the religious public generally. They have some sort of connection with Leavitt Lord & Co, Booksellers & Publishers in New York.

Yours &c R. Anderson

Boston Jany 28. 1835

To the Brethren of the
China Mission

Dear Brethren,

I learn that the Vancouver has been fitted out privately for Batavia, & Canton, & is on the point of sailing. I hasten to communicate to you some important resolutions lately adopted by the Com. My letter, however must be brief, but I expect to write you at more length by a vessel belonging to a friend of ours, which is to sail in two or three weeks. The resolutions are as follows; viz:

"Resolved, that ~~3~~ a fount of 300 lbs of long primer type be procured & sent to Canton by the first opportunity.

"Resolved that the mission in Canton be authorised to procure of Mr. Dyer a fount of moveable metalic types in the Chinese language, provided the members of the mission & D. W. C. Olyphant Esqr unite in the opinion that such a measure is advisable.

"Resolved that the mission at Canton be authorised to procure the assistance of Mr. John Robt. Morrison in the contemplated ~~version~~ revision of Dr. Morrison's translation of the Scriptures into the Chinese language; provided ~~that~~ an arrangement can be made which shall be satisfactory to the mission and receive the approbation of D. W. C. Olyphant Esqr. & Mr. Stevens; it being the expectation of the Com. that the compensation for his services will be paid from the grants rec'd. from the Am. Bible Society."

The type mentioned in the first resolution will be sent in the vessel above referred to as to sail in two or three weeks.

The Com. hope you will make the most vigorous efforts to get the Scriptures revised in the best manner & as soon as possible. You will of course print them as fast as they are revised; & it is a serious question whether you shall not print a numerous edition of some parts at least of the holy volume from the blocks already in existence. Ten thousand dollars have been remitted to you from the Bible Society; viz:

Dec 17. 1833	$3.000	
May 11. 1834	2.000	
Sept 27. 1834	5.000	$10.000

This of course has all been received. But hereafter do not wait till you have received the grants, but if you have money on hand which can be spared for the purpose, & there is a demand for it for this purpose, apply it to the printing of the Holy Scriptures, & the Bible Society will not be long in repaying the sum. They are anxious at New York to make larger grants than they have made, & are fearful that we shall not be able to use up their money.

Mr. Williams, in his accounts, should state how much of the money give by the Bible & Tract Societies is expended from time to time. Now we are wholly ignorant of on that score. We ought to be able to show those societies not only that we have faithfully remitted their grants, but how far, & what manner the money has been expended.

I have recd. the following letters, which will be noticed more particularly hereafter: viz-

From Mr. Bridgman: Apl 26. 27. May 24. 31 July 14. 28.

From Mr. Williams:- Apl. 26. May 18. 21.

I have written Mr. Tracy of New York concerning the defective type. I have no knowledge whatever of the *second hand* type, which Mr. Williams says was sent you some time since.

The tidings of our dear brethren who fell in Sumatra on the 28th of June last, has deeply afflicted our hearts. May we hearken to the admonition & learn wisdom from the melancholy event. But as one leading object of their mission was to attract the attention of the churches to the great field in those islands, & awaken interest, & call forth prayer & effort, it is wonderful to think how God may overrule this event to the promotion of those ends. May we all be excited to greater faithfulness & zeal.

Mr. Parker we trust is now on the ground, & Mr. Stevens we are prepared to welcome into our little agency — if such it can be called!

Yours &c.

R. Anderson

Boston Jany 29. 1835

Peter Jackson Esqr
London.

My Dear Sir,

I wrote you under date of the 26th inst. requesting you to send a number of books to Henry Hill, Esqr Treasurer of the Board, for the Library of the Board. I would make the following addition to the list in that letter. I beg that the following books may be sent in the same parcel; viz.

Another set of Dr Philips Researches in S. Africa
Marsdens History of Sumatra.
Hendersons Researches in Russia.
Thompson's Travels in S. Africa.
Malcolm's Mem. of Central India.
Burnes Travels into Bokhara (another set); with Arrowsmith's illustrating map.
Elphinstone's Caubul.
Another copy of Holmes History of the Moravians.
Another copy of Gobat's Tour into Abyssinia.
Another copy of Ellis Madagascar
Hartley's Researches in Greece.

Truly yours

R. Anderson

P.S. At the suggestion of Mr. Ellis we have adopted the practice of sending our Missionary Herald, Reports &c designed for friends in & about London, to your care. Whatever charges accrue on this agency we will very cheerfully pay, except so far as they come properly & by usage upon the persons to whom the parcels are directed. Occasionally we may address letters to your care for our missionaries in foreign lands. You will of course make a charge of the postage. Mr. Hill will keep you in funds.

Boston Jany 29. 1835

Rev Wm Ellis
London

My Dear Brother,

I wrote you on the 19th inst on a variety of subjects. Some circumstances which have since transpired, make it desirable to propose an inquiry on another subject.

We are informed by a letter from one of our missionaries in Canton, (whether correctly, or not, I do not know,) that your Directors have adopted the resolution declaring it inexpedient for them to employ unmarried females in their ultra-ganges mission. As you have had experience, & we but little, in that part of the world, & as we have some earnest applications from single females in this country to be sent out as teachers of Chinese schools, we shall be greatly obliged if you will state the reasons why you think it inexpedient to employ unmarried females — say at Malacca, if such be the fact. Any other information on this subject will be very gratefully recieved.

Yours &c.
R. Anderson

Boston Feby 12. 1835

Mr. Henry A. Homes,
Paris. France,

My Dear Sir,

Your communication addressed to me from Paris was duly recieved, & after a free conference with your parents the subject was brought before our Pru. Com. You will percieve, by the following resolution, that you have been adopted into our missionary family, & may the Lord make you a signal blessing in your new resolutions.

"Resolved:- That Henry A. Homes, of this city, now in Paris. (France) be appointed a missionary of the Board, to continue in Paris till he completes the course of study, there contemplated, & then repair to Constantinople, to be directed by the missionaries of the Board in that city, as to his future department, & field of labor".

With this I shall send you a commission, accompanied by a request that you may recieve ordination from the hands of such evangelical clergymen in the city of Paris, residents & strangers, as you may think proper, after obtaining the best advice you can get, to invite to perform the service.

The route you propose for yourself by way of Italy, is possibly as good as any other. While at Rome, procure as many documents as you can conveniently with respect to the Propaganda & the foreign missionary operations of the papal church. You will need, however, to exercise much caution. From Italy you might proceed, by way of Ancona, to Corfu & visit Mr. King, & Mr. Riggs in Greece on your way to Smyrna & Constantinople; or you might go to Trieste, & from thence direct to Smyrna. At least, such I presume to be the fact. Your Paris friends can inform you.

Such books as appear to be needful, & can be obtained reasonably, you are at liberty to purchase at Paris at the expense of the Board. But moderation in the purchase of books is generally wise for missionaries. Whatever you purchase, & also your heavy baggage, had better be sent round by water to Smyrna, in case there is opportunity. There are probably veſsels going from Marseilles.

I shall write to the brethren at Constantinople about you. It is certain, however, that your first busineſs will be to learn the Turkish language under the tuition of Mr. Schauffler. It is not impoſsible that you may hereafter be stationed somewhere in European Turkey. But of that more hereafter.

You will be distreſsed to hear that our beloved & respected aſsociate Dr. Wisner died of scarlet fever last monday, 9th inst. He had been sick but five days. A most unexpected & mysterious Providence! We are bereaved & afflicted, but the Lord hath done it, & doubtleſs for the best of reasons, though they are hidden from us at present. We are shortsighted, short-lived creatures. & are wholly unworthy of being employed in the service of the Lord Jesus. And yet we are employed, through marvelous grace in the divine Saviour. Oh may you & we, dear Sir, labor with the utmost humility & diligence & in his service.

In all your miſsionary labors you should have one leading & commanding object to testify repentance toward God & faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, & so become the instrument of converting souls. Finally drawn speculations & metaphysical subtleties are worthleſs. You need to aim at more simplicity in your religious views. But we see the Lord is conducting you in the right way, & we cheerfully bid you God speed in your missionary work.

You will not forget to answer the questions I sent you about Paris. Let me hear from you as often as may be. Your friends are in usual health.

Yours &c.

R. Anderson

To the Evangelical Clergyman whom it may concern:

Greeting:

This is to request that Mr Henry A. Holmes, of Boston now in Paris, an accepted missionary of the A.B.C.F.M. may receive ordination as a missionary of the Lord Jesus Christ, in one of the spring months of the present year, in Paris. The field, in which Mr Holmes is expected to labor as a missionary, is Turkey, but his particular post has not yet been ~~de- cided him~~ determined on. & this request is made because it is deemed expedient for him to proceed on his mission without ~~waiting~~ visiting his native land. May the Lord preside over the solemnities of that interesting occasion

R. Anderson

Miss. Rooms Boston Feb. 16. 1835

Rev. John L. Wilson,
Cape Palmas W. Africa

My dear Brother

Mr Latrobe has kindly given us information that a vessel is soon to sail from Baltimore to Cape Palmas.

I wrote you on the   of   but of course had but little to communicate. I have now a piece of intelligence, which will give you & Mrs E Wilson, as it does us, great pain. Our dear brother Wisner left us a week ago today & we shall see his face no more. A fortnight tomorrow we were riding together on horse back, neither of us anticipating a speedy removal from the world, both being in the enjoyment of pretty good health. Wednesday he was at the Rooms all day, but near the close came into my room & complained of pains in his limbs as if he had taken a violent cold. Thursday he was ~~confined~~ at home, confined, as we supposed, with influenza, which has been prevalent. Friday a scarlet fever was fully developed. Saturday the physician became greatly alarmed, & called in medical aid. Saturday night he became delirious, & never had his senses again. Sabbath coming all hope fled, & Monday at 1/2 past 2. P.M. our gracious Lord permitted him to be with him that he might behold his glory. So you perceive that our loss was almost as almost as sudden and unexpected as it was great. We are all able to sympathise in some measure with the bereaved family. Indeed we are all greatly bereaved; & so is the church of God. But he who has brought this upon us is wiser than all, & loves the cause of holiness & benevolence infinitely more than us all. Behind the dark cloud there is light though at present it is all hid from us except as we look by faith.

The remains of our brother were buried from the Old South Church, where a very good sermon was preached on the occasion by Dr. Fay. This was on Friday.

So you see that mortality is not alone inscribed upon the African ~~coast~~ shore. Three of our little number of Secretaries have died in less than four years. My own health is now pretty good, but I have sure reason enough that I shall not see many years. But let us not be at all anxious on this point, but take all proper care of our lives, & then leave the result to Him whose we are — doing with our ~~hand~~ might what our hands findeth to do, for the honor of his name ~~of~~ & the advancement of his cause on earth.

We were very glad to hear that you were to go directly to Cape Palmas. Mr. Gamton has requested a further allowance of about 120 dollars. The case was referred to Mr Perit, but I think that probably make the allowance. Mr. P. I understand regards the claim as unreasonable, & we are desirous of retaining Mr. G.s. good will.

By this time I trust that you & yours are all safely landed on the African shore. What we hear as to the health of the colony is not a little encouraging. Be sure & avoid unnecessary exposures. If the Lord please, it is more important for you & Mrs. Wilson to live for the two years to come, than to do any thing else — though of course you need not be idle: I mean it is more important for Africa. There are few comparatively in our country, who count not their lives dear unto them, that they may win souls in Africa unto Christ. — But on this subject I need not enlarge — The Mhs. must be reassured.

I shall send you as many papers & pamphlets as I can get to Baltimore in season for the vessel. I understand that a vessel will sail from New York or Phila before many weeks. By that I shall aim

to send your letters, papers, pamphlets, books &c.
The Lord Jesus be with you. Be of good courage. Africa will yet hear the "glad tidings."

We shall wish for your opinion from time to time, as to the prosperity of the colony, & its prospects.

You will see by the Boston Recorder that a new society has been formed in Boston, called the American Union for the Relief & Improvement of the colored Race. It is designed to act upon slavery upon the most unexceptionable manner. Ultimately it will no doubt exert a favorable influence upon Colonization in Africa.

Yours &c.
R. Anderson

Boston Feb. 16. 1835

John H. B. Latrobe Esqr.,
Baltimore

Dear Sir,

We are greatly obliged by the information you have so kindly given us of the vessel soon to sail to Western Africa. I send to your care a letter for Mr. Wilson, & a number of pamphlets & religious newspapers — all post paid. In this way you will allow me to trouble you as often as ~~are~~ there are opportunities to send from your city. For information concerning these opportunities, I shall be dependent on you. I still feel confident that sooner or later — though it may be indirectly — we may be able to make some sort of a return for the favors recd from your society.

The papers will have informed you of our sore bereavement. Truly the ways of God are not our ways, nor his thoughts our thoughts. But behind this dark cloud of his providence no doubt there is light, & we shall see it.

R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston Feb. 16. 1835

Rev. Daniel Temple & his }
Brethren, Smyrna }

Dear Brethren,

I must begin this letter by stating that the Lord, in his holy providence, has made another grievous breach upon us. Our brother, & dear fellow laborer, Dr. Wisner, left us on monday, the 9th inst. & we shall see his face no more. How mysterious the ways of God; how unsearchable his counsels! Last summer brother Wisner wrote you concerning my illness, & now I write of his death. A fortnight tomorrow I rode with him on horseback, little thinking, ~~that~~ either of us, that it was for the last time. The next day he was at the Rooms till night, when he came into my room & complained of pains in his limbs, as if he had taken a severe cold. He was at home on Thursday, & we supposed that he had the influenza, then prevalent. Friday the scarlet fever, accompanied by ulceration in the throat, was fully developed. Saturday great danger was apparent, & his physician called in more medical aid. Saturday night he became delirious, & never regained his senses again till his death, which took place on monday, 9th inst. at 1/2 past 2 P.M. His funeral was on Friday at the Old South Church where Dr. Fay preached a very good sermon, to an immense & sympathizing audience.

None, except the bereaved & afflicted widow, can realize the extent of this loss like ourselves; for the relationship which existed between us at the Rooms was most endeared, & the co-operation was most cordial, & harmonious, & it seems as if his place, in his development of labors ~~of~~ cannot be filled. However, the arts of

God is in no danger, even if the instruments employed in carrying it forward do stumble & fall, & our shortsighted, unbelieving fears must be dismissed. Pray, dear brethren that the Lord will be pleased to remember us graciously in our affliction, & sanctify it to our growth in those graces which are so needful in our work. I pray also, that you may so lay this to heart, as to be quickened in the performance of life's great duties. Let us work in our several spheres, while the day lasts.

I wrote Mr. Temple on the 7th & 8th of November. I will now add, to the information contained in those letters, that the Com. have since passed a resolution, authorising Mr. Temple to procure Greek & Arabic founts of type, if desirable, for Leipsic.

We have for some time thought it desirable to bring about such ~~arrangements in~~ alterations in the internal arrangements of your mission, as to place Mr. Hallock & the printing establishment on the same footing, substantially, with the other printers & printing establishments of the Board. The favorable time for such a change — which, after all, may perhaps be at present more in theory than in practice — appears to have arrived. The Com. have therefore, adopted a number of resolutions, which will no doubt meet with the approbation of all the brethren whom they concern. It may be necessary to premise, that the station at Brusa, will probably connect itself most conveniently with the Constantinople mission at present. The station at Scio is considered as belonging to the Asia Minor mission, of which Smyrna is the central post.

The following is the minute of the Pru. Com. relative to your mission — transcribed from the Recds.

"A letter from Mr. Homer Hallock, the missionary printer of the Board at Smyrna, dated

Oct 24. 1834, having been read, the following resolutions were adopted: viz:—

"Whereas the miſsion in Asia Minor, of which the central station is Smyrna, has now become sufficiently large to demand an organization ~~of~~ after the usual manner of miſsions of the Board, for the management of its internal affairs; & whereas it is important, for various reasons, that the miſsions of the Board assume the nature of committees as soon as circumstances will permit;—

"Resolved, That it be recommended to this miſsion to conduct its affairs hereafter, & especially those relating to the printing establishment, as an aſsociated body, on the basis of Bye-law of the Board Sect. VI. 1. "A majority of miſsionaries &c.

"Resolved, That the following rules be substituted for the Regulations of the printing establishment at Malta drawn up by Mr. Anderson in Feb. 1829. & approved by the Pru. Com. ~~for the year~~ Jany. 1830. & also in addition to those rules then made by the Com.

"1. That the printing establishment be, as in all other cases, under the superintendance of the miſsion as such.

2. That the miſsion appoint annually, an editing Committee of one or more persons, whose special buſineſs it shall be to see that copy is provided for the preſs, & that the proofs are properly corrected; this committee to have charge also of the miſsion library.

"3 That a Committee of at least two persons be annually appointed, of whom the printer shall be one to determine how many laborers ~~shall~~ ought to be employed in the printing office & bindery, & what purchases ought to be made of preſses, types, office furniture, paper, & whatever else belongs to the printing establishment & bindery, & to correspond on those subjects, so far as may be neceſsary with the secretaries of the Board

"4 That the printer have the sole charge of the printing office & the sole direction of labor both in the printing office & bindery, — subject, of course, to the general direction of the mission.

"5 That the Com. named in article 2nd & 3d see that an annual report be made to the Pru. Com. on the subject belonging to their respective departments".

The same rules have been adopted with respect to the printing establishment in Syria; — with the exception of the words "of whom the printer shall be one". &c. These exceptions were occasioned by the fact that the printer in that mission is not likely at present to be a member of the mission as Mr Hallock is.

With respect to the letter from Mr Hallock, mentioned in the first of these extracts from the minutes of the Pru. Com.

I ought perhaps to say — that knowing he was never perfectly satisfied with the arrangement I made when at Malta, I encouraged him to write me freely on the subject, & he did. He however, proposed no new arrangement definitely, & said nothing that was in the least dishonorable to Mr Temple, or that was indicative of unfriendly feelings towards him. Mr Hallock's letter was the occasion of the adoption of the foregoing rules just at this time, but in no sense the cause of them. They only express the general usage in the printing establishments of the Board — I mean, in substance, & as to principle.

The letters on file from you, which have not been acknowledged, I will acknowledge in letters addressed to you individually. We are thankful for the proof they furnish that we were favored with the divine guidance in the "assignments made to Mr. Adger & Mr. Houston." The account of the Armenians transmitted from Constantinople, is one of the most interesting we have ever received from the Mediterranean: unless unless Mr. Perkins account of his visit to the Nestorians be more so. The result of Mr. Houston's visit to Scio answers all my expectations. We have need however to rejoice with trembling; not for fear that missionary enterprise in the Levant will experience an ultimate failure, but the Lord may see fit very greatly to try our faith in those countries before he gives us the victory. Indeed this is confidently to be expected. May we be enabled to possess our souls in patience & grow wiser & better under all our trials as the servants of Christ.

Yours &c.

R. Anderson

Boston Feb. 20. 1835.

Rev. Daniel Temple
Smyrna.

My Dear Brother,

The general letter wh. I have addressed to you for the mission will inform you of the lamented decease of Dr. Wiener, & also as to the nature of the changes in the internal ~~ar~~ arrangements of the mission desired by the Com. These proposed changes grow out of the fact, that the rules for the conducting of the printing establishment agreed to by the ~~Com~~ Com. in 1830, hardly placed it in the power of the mission to assimilate its domestic economy to that of the other missions of the Board similarly situated, without some farther action of the Com. I trust you will approve of what has been done.

You will have learned, doubtless, before this reaches you, that Mr. Brewer has been appointed Chaplain of the Am. Seam. Friend Soc. for the port of Smyrna. This will probably remove the objection to your establishing schools. However, if the objections continue to be made, & are wholly unseasonable, I would still go on and establish as many schools as can be efficaciously superintended, & made decidedly evangelical in their influence.

You will perceive by the foregoing remarks that I have ~~made~~ rec'd your favor to brother Wisner of Sept 20th. I have also rec'd yours of Oct. 31st & Dec 12th.

We regret as much as you do that Mr. Merrick goes to the Perso-Mohammedan mission alone. But we could not help it. He was not to be dissuaded from his mission nor at present does any one seem disposed to go with him. The Lord inspire a greater number of his servants with more courage & self-denying spirit.

The March Herald will show you that we still advertise for a missionary to the Turkish Mohammedans.

I hope no pains will ~~no~~ be spared by you & your associates to supply your establishment very spedily with the necessary types, Greek. ~~Armen~~ Armenian & Arabic & Hebrew, & if nothing else will do this, I would almost recommend that Mr. Schauffler to take a journey to Leipsic for the purpose: but this cannot be necessary. — ¶ We send you two hundred reams of paper. We send also a hundred for Syria; but if they are not in circumstances to use it, a part or the whole may be retained till you hear from ~~Mr~~ Smith. In case any part of this is used at ~~S~~ Smyrna we shall need to know it, as it is of course charg. to the Syrian mission. The Com. wish you to have a good stock of paper on hand.

I send you a printed schedule with blanks to aſsist you in making out your annual report to the Com. I wish you by all means to return it to me for the year ~~ending~~ 1834, or for a year ending at what other time you please, or for any other definite space of time, in season for our next annual Report. Mr. Hallock will aſsist you in filling the blanks. I send a number of these schedules for future use. We must, if possible, secure more particular & regular returns from the general miſsions.

You will find some small books, as new-years presents for your children. May they all be bleſsed of the Lord Jesus. So may your dear partner also. My kindest respects to her, & believe me

ever yours
R. Anderson

Boston Feb. 20. 1835.

Mr. Harmon Hallock
Smyrna

My Dear Brother,

Yours of Oct 24th Oct 29th & that of Sept 20th introducing Capt. Coffin, were duly rec'd. I am much obliged to you for the acquaintance of so excellent a man as Capt. C. A number of supplies wh. he mentioned should be sent to the miſsion, will be sent.

The general letter of the miſsion which you will of course see, will inform you of our great & sudden bereavement in the death of Dr. Wisner. It contains also some resolutions of the Pru. Com. placing the Smyrna miſsion on the same general footing with other miſsions, & yourself on the same general footing with our other miſsionary printers. I presume the rules there proposed for the management ~~for the~~ of the printing establishment, will meet the wishes expreſsed in your letter of

Oct 24th. The Com. made these changes with entire unanimity & cordiality, & will be glad to know if you are happy in your work.

I have written to Mr Temple that pains ought to be taken to have an ample & immediate supply of types for the establishment — Greek, Armenian, Arabic (for Turkish) Hebrew & Rabbinic. I have also sent a printed schedule with printed blanks for the annual report of the mission, to the Com. which I hope you will help to fill up without delay.

You & Mrs Hallock have my sympathies with you in the bereavement you have been called to suffer. It is well that these afflictions come from a Father's hand, for then they can be borne. I trust that already you have secured the peaceable fruits of righteousness, which sanctified sorrow produces. Alas! that we make no better use of our afflictions! Less than one week before brother Wisner died, he & I were riding together on horseback, exulting in the influence of the clear cool breeze! O be spiritual, holy always abounding in the work of the Lord

Yours R. Anderson

P.S. I send some books as newyears presents to Mary Ann & the other children.

Boston Feb. 21. 1835

Rev. Elias Riggs
Argos, Greece

My Dear Brother,

God has been pleased to take from us our dear brother & associate Dr Wisner, by death. He rested from his labors on the 9th inst. after an illness of only five days. His disorder was scarlet fever. Less than a week before, we had been riding together on horseback, & anticipated no such event as near. So unable are we to read the future. We are sorely afflicted by this unexpected bereavement, & feel more our need of looking unto God for strength. The whole correspondence & cares of the home department of course falls upon brother Greene & myself, in addition to our customary cares & labors. How to sustain all, till we can find a successor to our departed brother, we know not. There is a promise, that our strength shall be as our day is, & there is one hope The Lord will provide. I must however write you more briefly than I designed to do.

I have recd your letters No. 13 & 14 dated Sept 2d & Nov 9th & read them as you may suppose with a great deal of pain. I sympathise with you & Mrs Riggs in your sickness, & praise the Lord that your lives were spared, & that you both had the prospect of recovering. I sympathise with you in your most painful bereavements, which I pray God to sanctify to your growth in heavenly grace & the increase of ~~the~~ your joy in Him. I trust I may regard your afflictions as designed by your Heavenly Father to prepare you both for a more eminent usefulness in the sphere where you now are, or in some other.

Your letter of Sept 2d has occasioned me much painful perplexity, both with regard to yourself, & the Greek mission. My first impression (& it is rather my present opinion) was that a removal to some other mission would be a relief to your mind. I wish you had expressed your wishes on that point, & expressed them freely. If you would prefer to remove to Scio & be associated with Mr. Houston, or occupy the most eligible of the places in European Turkey visited by Mr. Dwight & Schauffler, or join the Syrian mission, I have no doubt but the Com. would very cheerfully consent. If you had only given us a remark by which we could determine your wishes, I feel confident that I should be fully instructed to authorise & even request your removal. As it is, if you are persuaded that your usefulness would be increased by a removal to one of the missions abovenamed, I should not scruple to recommend it. At all events I should like to know your opinion as soon as may be on the subject of your remaining in what is called liberated Greece. Your removal if such be your impression of your duty, will bring no unkind or unfavorable reflections upon you from this quarter, & I presume from no other. However, you will do well to consult with Mr. King. My own judgment is pretty strongly inclined to favor your going, either to Scio, or to Syria, in case that country is not made the theatre of war.

With regard to Mr Benjamin who has been designated to the Greek mission, we shall inform him, as accurately as possible, how the case stands, & leave him to decide for himself whether he will make Greece his field, or go farther east.

Your account of the state of the mission is sufficiently painful. If repentance toward God & faith in our Lord Jesus Chri are kept in the back ground, as an immediate & imperative duty, then there ought to be a change at once, whatever be the consequence. Those great duties ought to be placed in the fore-front of the battle by every missionary. Nothing can be more certain than this. They ought not only to be used as doctrines, but as duties. And they ought to be so explained & set forth, that every man & woman may if possible be made to realize their nature, obligation, & imperious necessity. Whatever is necessary to the inculcation of & enforcement of those doctrines & duties, let it be brought out without fear. This should be the touchstone. How far it would be right to preach against ceremonies of the Greek church, I do not know. What truths should be passed in silence for the present, or nearly so, as in the preaching of our Saviour, because the people are not able to bear them, is worthy of prayerful inquiry. But the nature, necessity & duty of immediate repentance & faith cannot hold any other than a conspicuous place in the missionary labors of any missionary in any part of the world, without erring in respect to the grand object of his commission. You intimate that this cannot now be done in Greece, in consequence of the unfortunate course hitherto pursued. You mean doubtless that very unpleasant consequences would follow from the desirable change. I doubt whether the consequences would be as bad as you anticipate. And at all events I would urge upon you the paramount duty, notwithstanding your youth, of inculcating upon all men to whom you are called to declare the gospel, repentance towards God & faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

This you will of course do, in a plain, simple, scriptural manner. In doing this study rather the ~~ex~~ example of the Apostle Paul, than of Luther & the modern reformers. It strikes me briefly that the farther you can keep from the rites & ceremonies of the oriental churches, & yet be faithful in respect to those great duties, the better. The Greek converts, standing on their own soil, living in their own country, having the rights of citizens, will be the reformers. Nearly such preaching as is most successful here at home, will most become you. But never compromise those doctrines nor weaken their force on the consciences of men.

My eye has been turned to Scio, as perhaps the best site for our future Greek Seminary, & that is our reason in favor of your going there. Besides, both you & Mr Houston need assistants. I think very well of him & his wife. Should you think it best to remove from Argos to any other ~~place~~ field, or to any other part of the Peloponnesus, you need not wait to hear from us. Is Argos peculiarly subject to fevers?

Yours &c
R. Anderson

P.S. On the subject of your school at Argos I would say that I regard it, as forming only a secondary part of your duties, & if circumstances make it a prominent part of them, as you are obliged to perform them, that would be a reason for removing either to some other part of the ~~Pel~~ Peloponnesus, or out of Greece altogether. The object of the missionary in the Peloponnesus, is to exert an influence directly on all the schools ~~on~~ in the peninsula; — visiting them, supplying them with books assisting them to obtain suitable teachers, & publishing the gospel in them. At least, this was the leading object of the Committee in desiring a missionary station there. If the government has actually succeeded in tying your hands, & there is no speedy prospect of a change for the better, then go somewhere else. You know how it is. — I shall write in a somewhat different strain to Mr King, because he is older, & has acquired an important public character in that country. I hope he may yet be able to do much in the way of circulating the scriptures. That too, is a department of labor, which I would strongly recommend to your attention. The government will probably effect less for the schools than they now expect to do. Their attention will soon be directed to something else. Meanwhile great good must be done by a vigorous attempt to circulate the N. Testament.

Boston Feb. 23. 1835.

Rev. Wm M. Thomson
Beyroot Syria

My Dear Brother,

The affecting journal that you sent home of the sufferings of your beloved wife & the intelligence of her death have secured for you the sympathies, not only of ourselves, but of the whole church of God in this land, or rather I should say of that large & praying portion of it which takes an interest in the sufferings of Christ & his missionaries. You have had the prayers of thousands, & I doubt not have felt their sustaining influence. We bless God that you have been sustained under the desolating blast, & have been enabled to go on your way rejoicing in him, though you are cut off in a great measure from earthly joy. Your account of the smiles of the sweet babe, in your letter of Oct 14. interested my feelings not a little. May he live to rejoice your heart more & more, & live & labor like an Apostle fast by his mothers grave.

We too have been severely bereaved & afflicted within these few days. On the 9th inst. the very day when your letter above-mentioned arrived, our brother & associate Dr. Wisner, left us, & we shall see his face no more. Only a week before that fatal day, we were riding together on horseback rejoicing in the invigorating influence of the cool breeze, neither of us anticipating a speedy separation. It was less than a week; it was on Tuesday & he died the following Monday. Wednesday he was with us all day at the Rooms, but at night complained of having taken cold. Thursday he was confined to his house. Friday the scarlet fever was fully developed, accompanied by a ~~suddenly~~ badly ulcerated throat. Saturday he was considered as dangerously sick. Sabbath evening there was no hope but in prayer, & he was senseless. His reason he never recovered, & died at 2 P.M. on Monday. A most mysterious dispensation of Providence, yet doubtless wise & good. —— But I am unable to enlarge, & perhaps this brief account is the only one I shall be able to give you for the mission. The whole correspondence & care of the home department is thus thrown suddenly upon brother Greene & myself, & before we had as much as we could do.

I hope by the next veſsel to send copies of Dr Fay's sermon, preached at the funeral, which was on Friday, in the Old South Church. Who we shall get in place of Dr Wisner in the Home department is yet uncertain: he must at all events be a working man. May the Lord direct to one whom he will long make a burning & shining light in the churches.

Besides your journal & the letter of Oct 11th I have rec'd your letter dated Aug 17th & one from you to Mr Smith dated Jaffa June 12th, & kindly forwarded to me from Beyrut.

We strongly approve of the determination to maintain, if it be poſsible, a station at Jerusalem. If the Lord prosper our endeavors, we shall send more laborers into the field before many months. Take care of your health. I fear that you do not think enough of your danger of breaking down your constitution, by your exposure to heat in travelling. We find nothing so appalling to our young men who are needed abroad, as the idea of having their lives shortened by a change of climate. We can hardly persuade them to go to Western India. Live as long as you can in Syria, consistently with being an active, devoted, faithful miſsionary of the Lord Jesus. The Lord Jesus be with you & yours, & sanctify the severe ~~brief~~ but friendly strokes of his hand.

Yours &c.

R. Anderson

Boston Feb. 20. 1835

Rev. John B. Adger
Smyrna.

My dear Brother,

I am happy to acknowledge your favors of Sept 5th Nov. 8th Nov 23d & Dec 17th 1834. The letters you sent to my care were all forwarded without delay. I hope nothing we said to you when here made you feel under any obligation to send any of your letters to your friends open for our reading. I am happy to read them, but what I mean is, that we do not wish you to feel under the least obligation to withold the seals from any part of your private correspondence. We have entire confidence in your judgment. Only take it for granted that whatever is published of your correspondence may one day return to Smyrna again.

The books &c requested in your letter will be sent, either in this vessel or the next. I mentioned your request on the subject of the insurance of your library to Mr. Hill, & have no doubt that he attended to the business.

I am exceedingly occupied, pressed, overwhelmed with business & care in consequence of having the whole domestic correspondence, &c thrown upon us, by the sudden & afflictive decease of brother Wisner, that I can add no more at present. I shall write a few lines to Mr. Houston if it be possible.

Yours &c
R. Anderson

Boston Feb. 25. 1835

Rev. Thos. P. Johnston
Trebizond

My Dear Brother,

Yours to Dr. Wisner of Aug. 23d & to me of Nov. 4 1834 were both duly received — the letter on the 9th inst the very day when our brother Wisner left us, to be seen no more on earth! Yes, he too is dead. His sickness was short, only five days continuance. It was the scarlet fever, & during the latter part of the time he was insensible to all about him. How sorely we are bereaved and afflicted, I have not time now to tell you. One only consolation is in the assurance that the Lord has done it & blessed be his name. O may we all learn our mortality, & be induced to trust only in God.

I have had no opportunity to write you since the reception of your letter of Aug 23. The books you request will be sent you. We think you had better secure as good accommodations as you can at Trebizond, & on the best terms; & while you are about it, have some regard to your associate. For I am happy to say that we have, through God's blessing at length engaged an associate for you, a Mr. Jackson, of the present Senior class at Andover, with whom & with his intended wife I am much pleased. They will both make you & Mrs. Johnston agreeable companions. Of course they cannot leave this country before the next autumn; but then should no unforseen obstacle prevent, they will embark.

We regard the station at Trebizond as important on a variety of accounts. May the Lord grant you an open door of usefulness to the people, & may you also have the joy of cheering & helping many an apostle of our Lord Jesus Christ on his way to the countries beyond.

Yours &c

R. Anderson

Boston Feb. 23. 1835.

To the brethren of the mission }
in Syria & the Holy Land }

Dear Brethren,

I designed to have written you individually, but, with the exception of Mr. Thomson I fear I shall be unable to do so by the Banian for a mournful reason which I shall state presently. Indeed I must state it at the outset of my letter, as it lies heavily on my mind. God has again come near, & brother Wisner is no more with us! He died on the 9th inst. after a sickness of only five days. The particulars of this afflictive dispensation I have already given in my letter to Mr. Thomson, to which I must refer you. You will also find them in the Recorder & other papers we send you. To my own mind the removal of brother Wisner is yet utterly mysterious. It calls for faith, for unconditional submission. I can only hear the voice, "Cease ye from man". We must immediately find some one to take the duties of the home department, as brother Greene & myself had before, as much as we could do. Who will be called upon to assume these duties we cannot yet certainly tell.

At present, brother G. & myself get along with them as well as we can; & this sudden increase of our cares & labors is the reason why I shall probably find it impossible to write you individually at present.

The letters to be acknowledged are as follows
From Mr. Bird letters, dated June 30. & Oct. 17. /34
" " Smith June 24. Aug 19. & a journal
from March 27. 1834
Messrs Whiting & Dodge Aug 14. 1834

Dr. Dodge Aug 6. 1834.

Mr Thomson's Let: in letter to him, dated Feb 23.

The books &c requested in your letters will be sent. We also forward a hundred reams of paper to Smyrna for your preſs, which will be sent to Syria unleſs Mr. Temple believes you are not yet prepared to use it.

The Com. have recently adopted the following resolutions concerning the printing establishment at Smyrna & Syria, with exception only to the paſsages included in brackets, which appertain only to the Smyrna establishment as it is probable your printer will will not form a part of the miſsion. However I should not wonder if you should soon request us to send you a man from this country. This will we do, with the divine permiſsion, whenever you desire it, & we can obtain the suitable man. The resolutions are as follows viz:

(see record book. Vol. IV. p. 69.

Our records contain no such resolution of this kind concerning your miſsion, as we suppose you have already adopted the usage which it recommends.

I send you a number of copies of printed schedules with blanks to be filled for your annual returns to the Pru. Com. I beg you will preserve them, & be sure & send us one, well filled, in season for each of our annual Reports. It is the beauty & excellency of our Reports to be full, as well as accurate, on all statistical matters. I have adopted this expedient which will also save you labor to assure completeneſs in the returns. I hope to receive a return for the year 1834 in time for our next Report.

I exceedingly regret to say that I have recd neither the small map of the environs of Beyroot, nor the drawing of the city taken from the mission house, which Mr Bird, in his letter of June 30. 1834, says he had sent me. They must have been lost on the way. Can you mention any circumstance that may put me in the way of recovering them? Can you not send a duplicate? We need both the map & the view. The double picture of Beyroot sketched by Mr Koster for his employer Mr. Ross, which Mr. Bird mentions in his letter of Oct. 17. has not yet come to hand. I hope this will not be lost on the way. It may yet come, as we recd the letter only about a fortnight since ~~ago~~. The box of petrifactions has been recd. & is very acceptable to all concerned. The books &c. requested by Mr Smith are sent by the Banian. Mr Smith's journal of his visit to Alexandria I have not mentioned on the 2nd page, was duely recd. & read without delay, & with much instruction especially with regard to the character & policy of Mohammed Ali.

Mr. Hebard, I believe I have mentioned to you as of the last Senior Class at Andover, will probably embark for Syria during the Summer. Miss Williams, the friend of Mrs Smith, has also been appointed, & has accepted her appointment, but when she can go I do not yet see, as I cannot learn that Mr. Hebard has any intention of going out as a married man, & if he does not there is no one who can take her under guardianship during the voyage. She proves to be a very excellent person, & we are much pleased with the thought of her joining the mission. Mr. Hebard's inclination & habits will all conspire to bend his attention mainly to the promotion of education; but he will receive no particular designation from the Com. express or implied. I suppose that when you get your Seminary in operation, it will be under the care of Mr. Bird or Mr. Smith, or of both these brethren. But that is a subject we must refer in great measure to the judgment of the mission.

We have advertised as you will see by the ~~several~~ March Herald* for more missionaries to be sent to Syria, & for one to be associated with Mr Pease in Cyprus, should he commence a station in that island.

Mr Perkins has sent home a most interesting account ~~to~~ of his visit to the Nestorians of which the brethren at Coust'ple or Smyrna have no doubt written you. Mr. Perkins is inclined to think it may be advisable for us to have a Syriac press among the Nestorians. What does Mr. Smith think of that?

The time fails me. Pray for us that when the Lord cometh to call others of us hence we may be found faithful. We remember you all in your several bereavements & afflictions. Only let them be sanctified as the Holy & blessed spirit can sanctify them, & what mercies will they be!

We are all pretty well, through divine mercy &c.
Yours &c
R. Anderson.

Boston Feb. 25. 1835

Rev Justin Perkins
Tabreez. Persia

My Dear Brother,

Since I last wrote you I have rec. letters from you as follows: From Trebizond, dated June 4 & 6.; Erzroom, June

26.; Tabreez Sept 9th & Nov. 15. 1834: also your journal of your journey & suffering in passing from Erzroom to Tabreez, & your journal of your visit to the Nestorians. Both of your journals are deeply interesting, & the interest of the latter is as pleasing as that of the former is painful. The latter we shall commence the publication of forthwith, but we have doubts whether it will be wise to publish the former at all — I mean facts relative to your suffering in Russia. It would require too many additional remarks to do justice to all the parties. When you left Trebizond you had no expectation of passing through Russian territory, & therefore did not acquaint yourself with the nature of Russian law, as you otherwise would have done. I am told that the sending back of your library & medicines was in strict accordance with the existing laws. So probably was the quarantine, I do not mean the manner but the length of ~~time~~ it. The same may have been true of the passports to some extent. Whether you had become so far acquainted with eastern society, as to realize the propriety & importance of the giving presents to those boorish fellows to soften their asperity, & induce them to execute the law kindly, I do not know. I rather suppose you made a sparing use of gifts, lest you should be guilty of bribery. But there is a wide distinction between giving gifts to a magistrate in the eastern world & in the western world — in Russia & America; & a wide distinction between giving presents to secure kind treatment in the execution of the laws, & giving them to induce to the violation of the laws. Russia officers in general, as I have long understood, are not half paid by their governments, & of course are expected & find it absolutely necessary to receive presents from those who receive their official services; & they are ingenious, & it seems reckless too, in some cases, exacting them. "What *we* should avoid is, the giving of presents to induce Turk, Russian, or Persian to violate the laws. I have very little doubt, that with your present knowledge of Russian laws & manners you may travel in any part of that empire without serious embarrassment from the officers of government.

That Mrs. Perkins escaped with her life is truly a wonder, & demands our liveliest gratitude to God. How marvelous is his goodness, & how obvious it is that he accompanies his missionaries. It was deeply affecting to me to read the kindness of those admirable men at Tabreez. To Dr. Riach, who so generously went to meet you, I beg you will tender our grateful acknowledgments. I could scarcely read of his noble disinterestedness without weeping. Indeed we are all placed under the greatest obligations to the embassador & his suit, & pray God to reward them a thousand fold, for all they have so cheerfully done to advance our object.

And what shall we say of your visit to the Nestorians? How it exceeded all we had dared to expect. Surely the Lord Jesus was with you of a ~~tt~~ truth. It looks like the dawning of the day upon our poor brethren of the Church at Antioch. Your determination not to reside among them until you can converse with them face to face, is exceedingly wise. We approve of it most heartily. The favor of the Lord in giving you such a teacher in the Syriac is also to be noticed.

Dr. Worcester doesnot go, as I believe brother Wisner informed you; but we have been enabled to engage another physician, who, in some respects, is probably much preferable. This is Dr Grant, a young physician, in good practice in Utica N.Y. I saw him last fall at Utica. He is a young man of interesting appearance, & very warm-hearted piety — an elder in Mr. Aikins church. He will please the Nestorians, I think, very much. He is now negociating for a wife in Albany. The friends oppose so much that I have feared he might be detained; but I have twice written ~~him~~. Mr. Kirk & informed how important it is that Dr. G. should go as early as may be this spring. Do not go to live among the Nestorians alone. If one of you is sick, what will you do? You must take good care of your lives.

We have called for another ordained missionary to be associated with you, agreeable to your suggestion —

Mr Hill sent you bills some time ago. Your sending by Mr Riggs was very well in view of all circumstances.

I have often thought of the anarchy consequent upon the death of the Shah. Our hope is that you & your wife have been kept from danger & from fear. Kindest regards to her, & also to Mrs Hoff.

Yours &c.

R. Anderson

P.S. informing him of the death of Dr. Wisner

Boston Feb. 26. 1835

Rev. Jonas King
Athens Greece

My Dear Brother

I have two letters from you to be acknowledged, dated at Athens

July 21. & Nov. 19. 1834

In reply to your inquiry whether the Board will engage to pay the balance of the expenses of a young man of good talents in the first class of your gymnasium, who wishes to come to this country for an education, & will pay $100 a year, I must answer in the negative. This reply is the result of past experience. The Com. resolved some time ago, not to educate any more Greeks in this country. It is a striking, but not wholly unaccountable fact, that in the only two instances in which our Greek beneficiaries were assisted in part by their friends, we have much trouble with the young men, & chiefly in consequence of that assistance.

I hardly know what to say with regard to the amount of expenses you might venture to incur in your gymnasium on account of the Board. If the government have determined to put it down, it would seem hardly possible for you to make it live, & very questionable whether much money should be spent in a struggle to outdo the gov^t institution. After all the development which has been made of the genius of the Greek government, whether the head of it be Cappadocia or Otho, we are strongly urged to the opinion that our mission seminary must be elsewhere than liberated Greece. We are looking to Scio. That point being settled, & the present policy of the Greek gov^nt being continued, I think we shall be for restraining our operations, mainly to the oral publication of the gospel in Greece, to the distribution of the scriptures & other good books, & to the exerting of the best possible influence upon such schools as the Greeks themselves may establish. Did you ever receive my letter of on the subject of your own personal efforts to promote the distribution of the scriptures? I hope I did not miscarry.— Under present circumstances as I understood them, I should not think that more than a thousand dollars a year can be allowed you for your gymnasium out of the Treasury of the Board. I shall write to Mr Stewart as you requested me to do. Can you not devote more attention to the inculcation of the New Testament in the different parts of Greece?

Mr. Riggs is so dispirited that I am almost certain that he had better remove to Scio, or some other field; & have written him in such a manner that he will feel himself at liberty to remove. He will however, consult you before taking any step.

If you rec. the letter above referred to, you will see what reflections I have had concerning yourself. It seems to me you have yet much to do for Greece, especially in opening the way for the free & glorious cause of the scriptures in that land. Circumstances or rather God in his providence has given you a conspicuous station & character in that kingdom for some important purpose: I am free to say that at this distance I ~~am~~ should feel more interest seeing you struggling to place the word of God in every part of Greece, than to erect a Seminary in Athens, & I believe you would labor in the former work to better advantage. But if I were nearer perhaps I should feel differently. The Lord give you wisdom as an angel of God

Tell Mrs King that I rec. the picture of St Nicholas & am much obliged to her for the present. It will be placed in our cabinet, but no prayers will be offered to him there. My kindest regards & Mrs. Anderson's to her.

The remainder of the letter related to Dr. Wisner's death &c.

R. Anderson

Boston Feb. 27. 1835

To the American Missionaries
Messrs Goodell Dwight & Schauffler
Constantinople

My Dear Brethren

The Lord has been pleased to afflict us very sorely by removing our brother & associate Dr. Wisner, on the 9th inst. by death! His sickness was short, only of five days continuance, & for a time we were dumb with astonishment, & now we do not understand the meaning of our divine Master in this dispensation. it is one of those things that we "know not now" There is one lesson however, of great importance which was perhaps intended: it is to trust more in the Lord, & less in man. — But you will at once see that the fact that he is gone, & that the entire business & cares of his department are added for the present, to those of brother Green & myself, which were before very laborious, makes it necessary for me to be as brief as possible. Next week, Providence permitting, I start for some of our southern cities, to see if we can get assistance, & with some reference to a new secretary in the home department. Our prayer is that the Lord would show us his anointed, & give us the man after his own heart for an associate; & in this prayer you will most heartily join.

[The following letters are to be acknowledged viz:-

From Mr. Goodell: — Dated Aug 25. 27. Sept 16-19-24 of 1834

From Mr. Dwight Dated July 17-21 - Sept 15 & 22 - Oct 15 & 29. & Nov. 7 of 1834.

From Mr Schauffler. Dated Aug. 28. Oct 16th & Nov. 25th & journal of Tour in European Turkey

I will now advert briefly to the several points in your letters which require attention.

On the subject of a consular agent for Jaffa & Jerusalem, the Com. do not think it advisable for them to take any steps. It is doubtful whether they could exert any influence on our government, & the probable consequences of our interference on their part are such as to produce a very decisive influence on the most knowing & sagacious of them. I perceive also, I ought by all means to state the fact, that there is an increasing apprehension in our Com. that evil will some time or other, or some how or other come out of the intimacy of your intercourse with our chargé de affaires. They rejoice indeed in his friendship towards you & in his kindness, which they take great pleasure in acknowledging & for which they ~~take great~~ would praise our covenant God; but they wish me to caution you to keep as far aloof as possible from the diplomatic influence. "Whatever is done, may one day be known. It was never more true time at this day, "~~there~~ that is nothing secret what shall not be revealed" Who knows but the Commodore may turn your enemy before he dies? Who knows but there may be a public investigation into his proceedings? You will receive this hint kindly; & endeavour to get & keep all things right in the Turkish empire will not suffer the missionary "wise as a serpent & harmless as a dove", to give place for a moment to the politician — However, it is of the utmost importance that the best men be appointed to take charge of our civil affairs in that part of the world, & there is no doubt but there is much very proper influence which you may exert in relation to their appointment & conduct; the solicitude of the Com. is chiefly in reference to the manner of doing it. that it be not open to exception from the world. I should think from Mr. Tappan's remarks that as an individual he will exert an influence to secure the appointment of the right man for our consular agent in Palestine.

Mr. Goodell objects to the double O in Broosa. Mr. ~~Schauffler~~ Schneider on the contrary is in favor of it. What shall we do? I believe I made the inovation, following the analogy of Beyroot; but I am not sure on that point. Following this rule we must write Tabreez. Jerusalem is universally recognized in its orthography. The spelling of names in Turkey is, however, a matter of indifference to us, provided it is uniform, & you are agreed. If you will vote unanimously in favor of Brusa, we will adopt that method in preference to all others.

I feel confident that the books Mr. Dwight mentions in his letter of Sept 15th have all been sent; — viz. Rennels Geog. of W. Asia & Atlas, Malcom's Persia, & Martin's Map of America. I send three more copies of the Researches in Armenia for Mr. Perkins, & two for Mr. Dwight. We have only three copies left, & no more are for sale. I cannot yet tell whether the publishers will issue a second edition; they ought to do so. You know an edition has been published in London under the auspices of

Josiah Condor, author of the Modern Traveller, who declares the work the best extract upon modern Armenia.

Mr. Dwight's letter concerning Mr. Wolf was read to our Com. & will be useful in case that bewildered & erratic man should visit this country.

Mr. Dwight's suggestion in relation Sir John Campbell &c. are noted & will be remembered. I will endeavor to send out books suitable for presents to these gentlemen, & also to write a letter to Sir John in the name of our Com.

We will endeavor hereafter to forward the Heralds &c in a bundle; but the parcels are so many they must generally be put in boxes for safety. Hunt's Phrenology has been noted & will doubtless go by this conveyance. I have not yet made inquiries about a barometer; if one can be obtained on reasonable terms it will be sent.

The remarks on the giving of presents to men of authority in the east, by Mr. Dwight & Mr. Schauffler, will serve for a manual to be put into the hands of ~~any~~ missionaries destined to the countries of Asia. I see not how we can publish that part of Mr. Perkins which describes his cruel suffering in Georgia. But his journal of his visit to the Nestorians we shall gladly make public as soon as may be. It is the most interesting document of the kind we have read for a good while, unless your account of the Armenians be more so. That was heard or rather parts of it, with intense interest at our last monthly concert. Did you design it for publication? I had concluded that it would not do to publish it, lest it should get back to Constantinople; but Mr. Greene has taken the ground that it had better at all events be published, & for ought I see his reasons are conclusive. So it will delight our churches, as I supposed you designed it should do.

Mr. Schauffler's very instructive & interesting journal is in Mr. Greene's hand; & so is Mr. Dwight's letter designed to accompany it, which is not, I believe, acknowledged above. How much use he will be able to make of them I do not know. But they will be bound up & preserved for future use. You will see by the schedules in the March Herald that we contemplate the forming of a station in European Turkey. Mr. Henry Holmes, well known to Mr. Schauffler, has been appointed to the mission in Turkey, & instructed to proceed to Constantinople. He is now in Paris. You may expect him next summer or autumn. We suppose he had better occupy a station somewhere in European Turkey. At Salonika, Adrianople, or some other eligible place. Mr. Schauffler speaks of *his* leaving Constantinople. He is at perfect liberty to occupy some other post, if he thinks he can thereby promote the object of his mission to better advantage. Wherever he goes it will be worth while to consider whether Mr. Homes shall not, for the present at least, go with him. You will perceive by my letter to Mr. Homes that he is referred to your mission for his present direction. He will expect to learn the Turkish language.

Let the united wisdom & strength of your mission & that at Smyrna be directed to the furnishing of the Smyrna press forthwith with Hebrew, Rabbinic & whatever other type is necessary. Mr. Temple is authorised to procure it from Leipsic, or from any other more eligible quarter. It would be better, possibly, that Mr. Schauffler should make a journey to Leipsic, than that serious embarrassments should be much longer endured.

We regard the "Constantinople mission" as embracing Broosa, at least for the present, as it would be difficult for that station to sustain intimate relation with Smyrna. The Com. wish the several missions of the Board to become *organized communities* as soon as may be convenient; as it is important on various accounts, & is the usage of the Board, to give missions when so organized pretty ample discretionary powers. This is necessary in order that our business at the Rooms may be made even tolerable. Supposing your mission to be thus constructed, & to be composed as it will be, of five or six members, I am disposed to answer the following question of Mr. Schauffler in the affirmative, in view of the circumstances which he mentions, viz: "Would the Com. consider it regular, if a missionary to whom *they* have assigned a station should from reasons which satisfy his own mind & the minds of his fellow-missionaries perfectly, remove to another place; &, instead of laying the reasons for such a step before the Com. *before* removing, & with a view of obtaining their consent, should justify the course taken *afterwards*?"

I earnestly hope Mr. Merrick will not travel much until we get a companion for him. It would be too great an expense of life. We are looking for the suitable man.

A physician has been engaged to be associated with Mr Perkins — Dr Grant of Utica, & an associate for Mr Johnston at Trebizond, a Mr Jackson of the the present Senior Class at Andover. The latter will not go till fall. We shall do all we can to get Dr. Grant away early in the spring. It is a singular fact that no less than four or five sterling men are now embarrassed & in danger of being delayed by difficulties in the way of effecting a matrimonial engagement to their liking.

I shall write to Mr. Merrick & Messrs Schneider & Powers by the Banane, if I can. A copy of the paragraph Bible goes for each of you a new year's present from the Com. There are also some new year's presents for Mr Goodell's children.

But I can say no more. The Lord deal graciously with you. We are pretty well; my own health is quite good. How strange! Brother Frazer wrote you of my illness last spring, & now I write you of his death! It is the Lord who hath done it. Pray for me.

Yours &c

R. Anderson

P.S. I send the Poems of Dana, Bryant, & Gould, neatly bound, which may serve as presents to some of your friends.

To Mr Perkins for presents to the Embassador & the physicians, we send

Story on the Constitution of the United States, 3 vols.

" Conflict of Laws 1 vol. Ledyard's Life, Nuttall's Ornithology, 2 vols

Boston March 3. 1835

His Excellency
Sir John Campbell
Tehran.

Sir,

The extraordinary kindness shown by yourself to our missionaries the Rev Justin Perkins & lady, which he gratefully made known to us, has awakened a feeling of gratitude in the Executive Com. of the A.B.C.F.M., which calls for a distinct impression. Permit me, then, in the name of the Com. & of the Board, to thank you, & through you the several members also of your suite, for those seasonable & most friendly attentions, by means of which, undoubtedly, the life of one of them was preserved & the objects of our mission to the Nestorians materially promoted.

Were Mr Perkins expecting to travel again in Russia, he would doubtless acquaint himself more ~~fully~~ perfectly with the laws & usages of that government, & so escape the repetition of many of those vexations which so painfully beset him in his progress from Erzroom to Tabriz. Our missionaries when first entering upon their work, are almost of course inexperienced, more or less, in the arts & travelling in eastern countries.

We are much interested in Mr Perkins prospects among the Nestorians, &, with the divine blessing, shall hope to exert an important influence in the intellectual & moral ~~influence~~ elevation of that people. Any advice & assistance which you, Sir can properly & conveniently render, will be very gratefully acknowledged by ourselves.

I am, Sir, with sentiments of great respect,
Your very obt. servant
R. Anderson
Secy. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Boston March 3. 1835

Rev. Saml. R. Houston
Smyrna.

My Dear Brother,

My only choice is between not writing you at all, & merely acknowledging your letters. I choose the latter. I have recd. your letters of Oct 30. Nov 1. Nov 15. & Nov 22. 1834. I rejoice not a little that you are pleased with your prospects in Scio, & bless God that such a door of usefulness is opening for you. We shall endeavor to find an associate for you. I have suggested to Mr Riggs that perhaps he might be well to remove from Argos to Scio. But all these things must be referred to a wise providence.

Yours &c
R. Anderson

Rev. Cyrus Stone. Bombay, Wrote him March 26. 1835 introducing to him Edmund Roberts — commercial agent about to visit that place in the ship Peacock also acknowledged letters recd by the ship Corvo

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Rev. Ira Tracy Singapore — wrote him Mar. 26. 1835. introducing to him Edmund Roberts. commercial agent about to visit that place in the ship Peacock. & acknowledging letters & journals from down to Nov. 16. 1834.

Rev. Meſsrs. Stephen Johnson & Chas Robinson Bankok Siam. Wrote them 26 Mar. 1835 introducing to them Edmund Roberts, commercial agent — & acknowledging their letter of Sept 11. 1834

Rev. E. C. Bridgman & aſsociates at Canton China — wrote them March 26 introducing to them the abovenamed gentleman & acknowledging their letters recd by the Emily Taylor

Edmunds Roberts Esqr. addreſsed a short note to him while he was in Boston, requesting him, if he had opportunity in his private or public capacity, to mak ascertain facts relating to the murder of Meſsrs Munson & Lyman & communicate them to us. Mar. 26. 1845

Boston Apl. 3. 1835

Dear brethren of the China mission

The papers state that the Samarang has cleared for Canton I must write you a few lines though they must be few.

The dates of communication recd from you I will give below. We rejoice to hear of the safe arrival of the Morrison.

You will have heard, probably, of the ~~th~~ breach the Lord has been pleased to make upon us, in the death of Dr. Wisner! It took place on the 9th of Feb. after an illneſs of scarlet fever of only five days. How hath the Lord covered with affliction the daughter of Zion! We are cast down, but not destroyed; are chastened, but I hope in love. I returned only a few days since from Richmond

Va. where I had been to obtain assistance, in the Home Department, for the summer, of the Rev. Wm J. Armstrong. He has not yet come, & we have more than we can do.

I wrote you by the Vancouver on the 28 of Jany. communicating resolutions of such importance that I will now send you duplicates of the same: viz.

"Resolved - That the fount of 300# of long-primer type be procured & sent to Canton by the first opportunity."

"Resolved. That the mission in Canton be authorized to procure of Mr. Dyer a fount of movable metallic types in the Chinese language, provided the members of the mission & D W C Olyphant Esqr. unite in the opinion that such a measure is advisable".

"Resolved. That the mission at Canton be authorized to procure the assistance of Mr. John Robert Morrison in the contemplated revision of Dr. Morrisons translation of the scriptures into the Chinese language: provided an arrangement can be made which shall be satisfactory to the mission & recieve the approbation of D. W C Olyphant Esqr. ~~&~~ & Mr. Stevens; it being the expectation of the Committee that the ~~he~~ compensation for his services will be paid from the grants recieved from the American Bible Society".

I expected the types to have gone before this time. We did not know ~~till~~ yesterday that the Samarang was going to Canton. An effort will be made to get the fount on board her. If not it will be sent in a fast sailing ship to sail a week hence

I send you blanks of your annual

returns. Please to preserve them, & let us have one in time for each annual Report.

We shall expect Mr Stevens to enter the service of the Board next autumn, in accordance with his letter of March 6/34

We feel with you that the death of Dr. Morrison is a common loss.

The representations of Mr. Perit make me fear that Mr. Bridgman does not take care enough of his health. Can he not be spared from Canton long enough for a voyage to Singapore?

The Rev. Jas. T. Dickinson, formerly a pastor of a church in Norwich Ct. is expected to embark in June for Singapore as a missionary to China. Mr. Arms of the Patagonia mission, goes in the same vessel, for the archipelago; & Mr. North a printer & type & stereotype founder, for Singapore. Should Mr. Williams ever find it expedient to remove there, these two brethren would divide the work between them. Mr. D. & Mr. A. have both attended considerably to medicine

Letters rec'd,

Mr. Bridgman, Dated Oct. 31. 1834.
Mr Parker Sept 18 & 29, & Oct. 30.
Mr. Williams Oct 11. & 13th

Yours &c. R. Anderson

Boston Apl 3. 1834

To the Brethren, Messrs Robinson
Johnson & Bradley in Siam }

Dear Brethren

It was with pleasure

& gratitude we learned from the letters of Messrs Robinson & Johnson, dated Sept 3. 1834, that our mission had at length found a prosperous admission into Siam. We hope soon to hear that Dr. Bradley has also arrived. We were apprehensive from some ~~remarks~~ rumors which were afloat that the jealousy of the government might interpose some serious obstacles. To the Lord be the praise & glory, & the door which he has been pleased to open may no man be able to shut.

To Mr Jones we are truly obliged for his kind~~ness~~ thought for your welfare. Please tender to him my fraternal regards. I pray that he may be able to show in your experience all round how impossible it is for missionaries of the Lord Jesus in foreign lands, who hold the Head, to suffer unpleasant differences on minor points. Our two Boards go along harmoniously; so let all the missionaries under the patronage of the two.

Mr. Tracy will inform you that we hope to have a competent printer, & who is also a type & stereotype founder, embark for Singapore in June.

You will also receive accounts in various ways that the Lord has been pleased again to make upon our little number at the Rooms.

Br. Wisner left us on the 9th of Feb after a sickness of only five days! I returned a few days since from Richmond Va. where I had been to obtain the temporary assistance of the Rev Wm J. Armstrong in the Home Departmt He has not yet arrived, & we have more than we can do. Pray that the severe bereavements may be sanctified to us all, & to the church. We must trust more in the Lord, for in him only is strength, & he only is everlasting.

Take good care of your health, all of you, male & female. I fear the church will by & by become disheartened, so many missionaries die, & so many more come home for their health. Live as long as you can, & yet be faithful to your high trust.

I send you blanks for your annual returns. They will need to be ruled. Preserve them & send us one a year in time for our Annual Report. Do not fail. We send also letters, pamphlets, papers &c

Yours &c

R. A.

Rev. W. H. Medhurst Boston Apl 4 1835
Batavia
My Dear Sir,

I wrote you on the 27th of Jany. in reply to your kind letter informing us of the murder of Messrs Munson & Lyman. I have now to acknowledge a duplicate of that letter of Sept 4th which was not recd till the 20 ult.

I should be glad to write you at considerable length; but one of our associates ~~assistants~~ at the Rooms has recently been cut off by death, & I am just returned from Virgin- where I have been to obtain assistance, & am almost literally overwhelmed by business. Besides, the ship has cleared & is expected to sail on the morrow early.

We feel greatly indebted to you, dear Sir, for the kind interest you have uniformly taken in the welfare of & happiness of our brethren & sisters during their sojourn in Batavia. And especially what would our beloved sisters have done in their almost unexampled affliction if you had not been at hand to console ~~them~~ & advise them? As you will have no doubt is the fact, they both remember your fraternal kindness with the liveliest gratitude. May the Lord reward you a hundred fold for all your labor of love.

The copy of my letter to Mrs Munson, which I send you, & the substance of which will be given to Mrs Lyman, is designed in part as a reply to your letter to Mr Hill, & in part to inform you of the principles which govern us in our provision for the widows of missionaries. I hardly dare hope they will meet your entire approbation, judging from the views you exhibited in your letter. But in the main I have no doubt they will be satisfactory to the missionaries of the Board & generally to our churches; nay, I think universally so. I should be truly grateful if you would inform me wherein they strike you as defective. Some circumstances have made it necessary for us to be very explicit & full in stating them. You will perceive, also, that I have felt bound to express my dissent from the views given by yourself on one point. The whole is communicated to you in the spirit of frankness & confidence.

We shall do all we can for these afflicted sisters, consistently with our duty to the entire system of our operations, & all that is necessary, & that will be truly conducive to their happiness.

But my time is exhausted & I must abruptly close. I am, my dear Sir, most truly yours

R. Anderson

Rev. Ira Tracy wrote him Apl 1. 1834 acknowledging his letters up to this date &c.

Boston Apl 22. 1835

Mrs. ~~Abigail Munson~~ Eliza Lyman
~~Brunswick Me.~~ Boston

My Dear Madam,

Owing to the absence of some of the members of the Prudential Committee from the meeting on the 7th inst, & the ill health of Mr Anderson, which prevented his attending the meeting on the 14th, the document, to which the accompanying letter from him refers, was not fully acted upon till the meeting of last evening. Mr Anderson, had previously, however, written the accompanying letter on the 14th, supposing that the subject would be decided on the evening of that day. Supposing that his letter would introduce the exposition of the views of the Committee to your consideration much better than any thing which I could write, & being greatly pressed with business, I forward it to you in preference to writing anew. — The circumstances just mentioned will account for the date of the letter & the delay in forwarding it to you together with some of the references made in it.

Uniting cordially with Mr Anderson in his expositions of sympathy with you, in your heavy trials, & praying that the Lord may be your Comforter & guide.

I am, dear Madam, yours
in the bonds of the Gospel
David Greene

Miſsionary Rooms Boston Apl 14. 1835

Mrs. Eliza Lyman
Boston.

My Dear Madam,

Soon after hearing of the death of Meſsrs Lyman & Munson, I addreſsed a letter to yourself & Mrs Munson at Batavia. In that letter it was referred to yourself to determine, after getting the best advice in your power, whether you should come home or make yourself useful at Singapore. I expreſsed the hope that you in particular might think it your duty to remain, as you had no child, like Mrs. Munson, demanding your care, & were well fitted to teach. At the same time we rather expected you in the Samarang, knowing that she was to touch at Batavia. We recieve you both with deep sympathy with sorrow, & yet not as those who sorrow without hope. Your beloved husband suffered a violent death in the same cause in which ~~most~~ apostles were martyred, & have no doubt gone to share in the glorious rewards of apostles. They are happy, though you ~~are~~ mourn, & could they speak to you they would say, mourn not for us. In the prosecution of this duty as they concieved it, they went corragiously forward, not counting their lives dear unto them, & yet neither of them intending to hazzard them unduly;

& while thus evincing themselves to be good & faithful soldiers of the Lord Jesus, he was pleased to take them to himself. The circumstan-~~ces~~ces of their removal was most painful to surviving friends, yet were they all ordered by infinite wisdom & love, & perhaps we may live to see that they were designed to ensure the speedy publication of the gospel to the Battas.

But I have not time to pursue this train of remark farther; for death, as you know, has suddenly invaded our little company of laborers at the Rooms, & diminished our number without diminishing the amount of labor & care which must be sustained.

You are aware also that since the last Tuesday when the enclosed 'exposition of the article of the Laws & Regulations of the Board' concerning ~~the~~ returned widows & missionaries was laid before the Prudential Committee, I have myself been sick; having had an attack of a fever on Wednesday, from the effects of which I have not yet recovered.

These Principles, dear madam; are worthy of your attention & prayerful consideration. I have not a doubt but that they will commend themselves to the great body of our missionaries, & the great body of Christians, who furnish the means of support to our missions.

You will at once perceive their application to your own case. You will see under what circumstances & to what extent the Com. will be authorized to furnish aid for your support. You will see that the plan you had formed of diverting the the income of the generous donation of & the merchants of Batavia, however honorab to your filial feelings, will not comport with your receiving aid from the Board. You will see, too, that the proceeds of your outfit cannot properly be invested with the fund raised for you by the merchants at Batavia.

If the Com. have less power to provide for you than perhaps you may have been led to expect, still I have no doubt that in future years you will be convinced that the rules which govern them are becoming to the cause of missions.

I have read Mr Medhurst's letter to Mr Hill, dated Batavia Nov. 6 1834, a copy of which I understand you have. I admire the kind sympathy he felt for you in your sorrows; & bless God for providing such a friend for you in a strange land. We feel under great obligations to him for his Christian attentions to you & our brethren. The Lord reward him an hundred fold. As you have a copy of his letter, however, I ought to say, that from some of his remarks I entirely dissent; though I generally approve of the sympathetic feelings which dictated them. Why, for instance should the churches in ~~pe~~ making provision for your pecuniary wants, make a difference between you & other widows of missionaries? Will it do to adopt the principle that widows of missionaries shall be assisted in proportion to the sufferings they have endured in the service of Christ? You & your sister in the common distress are entitled to greater sympathy than most others, & have received more, & have been made the subject of more prayer.

That, with the greater spiritual consolations which I trust you have rec'd. is your reward — a reward, however of grace, & not of debt, from the Lord Jesus. But a demand for greater pecuniary benefactions on account of the sufferings made from any quarter, would check these sympathies & do much to arrest these prayers. Our Com. have not thought of such a thing; nor has it been suggested to our knowledge, but any of your deeply sympathising friends in this country. No, dear friend, the Lord will provide for such wants as you may have, through the instrumentality of the Board. Having food & raiment ensured to you, in the manner already described, you, as a follower of Christ will be content therewith.

Be so good as to acknowledge the receipt of this; as I am anxious to know that it reaches you safely.

In making known your pecuniary necessities in future, you had better, perhaps, communicate directly with Mr Hill. Be entirely free, & be assured we shall be so in return.

We are now in circumstances through divine goodness, to make you happier in a visit than when you were with us a fortnight ~~ago~~ since. Mrs. A. & myself are earnest in our desire for another visit. We shall always be glad to have you regard our house as one of your homes.

I am, dear Madam,
Your sympathising friend
R. Anderson

Boston Apl 21. 1835

Mrs Abigail Munson
Brunswick Me

My Dear Madam,

The Providence of God so ordered events, that I was called to Virginia on business of the Board, just before your arrival, & so lost the pleasure of seeing you, & conferring with you on the mournful cause of your return. You left town with your father only the day before I reached home. I bless God that you have been so mercifully sustained in your afflictions & pray that you & your little one may long live to praise his holy name. Soon after ~~learning~~ hearing of the death of Messrs Lyman & Munson, I addressed a letter to yourself & Mrs Lyman at Batavia; but even then you were on your way. In that letter it was referred to yourselves to determine, after getting the best advice in your power, whether you should come home, or make yourself useful at Singapore. At the same time we rather expected you in the Samarang, knowing that she was to touch at Batavia. We receive you both with ~~great~~ deep sympathy in your sorrows, & yet not as those who sorrow without hope. Your beloved husband suffered a violent death in the same cause in which apostles were martyred, & have no doubt gone to share in the glorious reward of apostles. They are happy though you mourn, & could they speak to you, they would say, mourn not for us. In the prosecution of their duty, as they conceived it, they went courageously forward, not counting their lives dear unto them,

& yet neither of them intended to hazzard them unduely; & while thus evincing themselves as good & faithful soldiers of the Lord Jesus, he was pleased to take them to himself. The circumstances of their removal was most painful to surviving friends, yet were they all ordered by infinite wisdom & love, & perhapse we may live to see that they were designed to ensure the speedy publication of the Gospel to the Battas.

But I have not time to pursue this train of remark further; for death, as you know, has suddenly invaded our little company of laborers at the Rooms, & diminished our number without diminishing the amount of labor & care which must be sustained.

Since the last Tuesday also, when the enclosed exposition of the Board concerning returned widows & missionaries was laid before the Com., I have been sick, having had an attack of the fever on Wednesday, from the effects of which I am not yet recovered.

These principles, Dear Madam are worthy of your attention & prayerful consideration. I have not a doubt but they will commend themselves to the great body of missionaries, & to the great body of christians who furnish the means of support to our missions~~ries~~. Let me also recommend the greatest circumspection to you in all your deportment. Thousands of eyes, ~~yea~~ nay many thousands will be directed towards you, & should there be any thing in word or conduct which should not be thought to be consistent with your high profession, it would become known extensively, & would be remarked upon with grief by many, & with severity by, I fear, many more. O Dear Madam, be humble, prayerful, watchful, & diligent & faithful in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You will readily preceive the application of the principles to your own case. You will see under what circumstances & to what extent the Committee will be authorized to furnish aid toward your personal support. Some little time must of course elapse, before you can enter upon any regular service, by which you can gain a support; but I should wrong you were I to write upon any other supposition than that you have come home with the determination to be more active than ever in useful labor. What you need for the present & in future, for your comfort you had better communicate, perhaps, directly to Mr Hill.

Mr. Hill informs me that you proposed suffering the money which was given you by the merchants ~~at~~ in Batavia to accumulate for eight or for ten years & then all go for the education of your son. You will see under the 3d head, how impossible it is for the Committee to make any grants to you with a view to such an accumulation. Should you not recieve any aid from the Board, you can do what you please with the interest of that little capital; but while recieving aid from our Treasury, the annual interest of that fund must necessarily be reckoned as a part of your annual support.

Mr. Hill has also informed me, that to make the generous gift of the merchants of Batavia 1.000 dollars, a part of the proceeds of your outfit was added. Under the second resolution you will find the principles relating to this subject. The property which you can properly invest & which I advise you to preserve entire, is the half of what was given for yourself & Mrs Lyman. The avails of outfits & we regard the principles, (& it is exceedingly important that we go in accordance with them) should be applied to your present comfort & current expenses.

The hundred dollars paid into the Treasury by the Barnstable auxiliary & designated to Mr. Munson, were paid in like their other contributions, to be acknowledged in the Missionary Herald, & of course come under the rules & regulations of the Board. The Committee have no authority at all to make that sum private property.

The provision made by the Board for the returned children of missionaries is described in the last volume of the Miss- Herald, p.p. 461, 462.

If the Committee have less power to provide for you & your little one, than perhaps you may have been led to expect; still I have no doubt but that in future years if not now, you will be convinced that the rules by which they are governed are becoming to the cause of missions. They certainly have my own strongest approbation. I do not think they pledge too much; but they pledge enough, & more than is pledged by the churches, to the widows of ministers in this country, or to those of any officer or agent of the Board. In fact, there is to them no pledge whatever — except in the rich promises of the Gospel.

I have read Mr Medhurst's letter to Mr Hill, dated Batavia Nov. 16. 1834, a copy of which I understand you have. I admire the kind sympathy he felt for you in your sorrows, & bless God for providing such a friend for you in a strange land. We feel under great obligations to him for his christian attentions to you & our brethren. The Lord reward him an hundred fold. As you have a copy of his letter, however, I ought to say that from some of his remarks I entirely dissent; though I greatly approve the sympathetic feelings which dictated them. Why, for instance, should the churches, in making provision for your pecuniary wants make a difference between you & other widows of missionaries? Will it do to adopt the principle, that widows of missionaries shall be assisted in proportion to the sufferings they have endured in the cause of Christ? You & your sister, in the common distress, are entitled to greater sympathy than most others & have recd, more & have been made the subjects of more prayer. That, with the greater spiritual consolation which I trust you have recieved, is your reward — a reward, however of grace & not of debt, from the Lord Jesus. But a demand for greater pecuniary benefactions on account of these sufferings, made from any quarter, would check these sympathies, & do much to arrest these prayers. Our Com. have not thought of such a thing, nor has it been suggested to our knowledge, by any of our ~~our~~ deeply sympathising friends in this county. No, dear friend, the Lord will provide for such wants as you & your beloved child may have, through the instrumentality of the Board. Having food & raiment ensured to you in the manner already described, you as a follower of Christ, will therefore be content. The child will also find friends. God will be his friend. His father's devotedness in the cause of missions unto a violent death, will in some way prove a rich inheritance to him; & in the prayer of Mr Medhurst I can most heartily join, that God may be pleased to grant him a new heart & a missionary spirit; that he may eventually cultivate the field, which his father watered with his blood.

I beg you will write me as soon as you conveniently can do so, in reply to this, as I am anxious to know that it reaches you safely. Write me freely. We always make it a rule to be frank in our communications.

Mrs A. & myself would be happy to see you ~~in our~~ & the little one again under our roof. Praying the Lord to bless & sustain you,

I am, dear madam
your sympathizing friend.
R Anderson

Boston Apl 24. 1835.

Rev. E. C. Bridgman
Canton China

My Dear Sir,

As a vessel is to sail for Canton tomorrow, I cannot forbear to write you a line or two. You will doubtless have heard before ~~now~~ this reaches you, how greatly the Lord has afflicted us in the sudden removal of Dr Wisner by death, on the 9th of Feb. He has done it in perfect wisdom we know, though by it he has sent a heavy on us & increased the labors of those of us who survive. For the last three or four weeks, Mr Anderson has been unable to bear any care or labor, & is now absent on a journey for some weeks, in the hopes of regaining health. Without help here, I of course can offer you but a hasty letter.

What is new among us you will undoubtedly learn from the papers which will be sent you by this vessel. The most interesting intelligence to a missionary, whose eye is on the ~~field~~ harvest & the few scattered reapers, must be that respecting revivals in our colleges. Last fall there was a powerful revival in the college at Canonsburg Pa, & quite recently revivals have begun in Yale, Dartmouth & Amherst College. In the first they number 60 or 70 converts, & nearly as many, I believe in Dartmouth. May the Lord thus go on thus raising up & qualifying his own reapers & ~~spreading his~~ speedily send them into the great harvest field.

We are just sending 10 or 12 male & female laborers to the Tamuls in Ceylon & on the continent & to Bombay. Also two or three to the Mediterranean. Mr Dickinson & Mr Armes are expected to embark for your quarter of the world in a month or two.

Mrs Munson & Mrs Lyman with the little son of the former, arrived here in good health, about six weeks since.

Your favors of Dec 26th & Jany 3d. came to hand by way of New York yesterday; also Mr Parkers of Dec 4th, & Mr Gutzlaff of Dec 20th. I would write a line to both them brethren, if I were not so pressed with business, assure them of my paternal & Christian regards & my prayers for a blessing on their labors. I hope that all the troubles & hindrances, growing out of the difficulties of last fall are over, & that the Providence of God will from year to year open a wider & freer ~~enter~~ entrance into the world of men by which you are surrounded. May the great Head of the church give ~~a~~ you wisdom & grace, and apostolic zeal adequate to the great work to which he is calling you; & give you besides the joy of the man who filleth his armes with sheaves. You may feel at liberty to expend just as much money in making & distributing Bibles, tracts, &c. as you can do to good advantage. The Bible & Tract Societies press money upon us for this purpose, & urge us to devise & put in operation means for bringing it to bear on the heathen.

Mr. Tracy's journal also came to hand yesterday.

Yours &c.

D. Greene

Boston Apl. 30. 1835

Mr. Henry Oliver
Montreal, L.C.

My Dear Brother

Your favor of the 18th instant was recieved three days since, announcing the arrival of yourself & your two brethren at Montreal, & making inquiries respecting the Indians &c. in Upper Canada. — I am sorry to say that we have no information, except what is of a very general nature respecting the field of what you inquire. We have never had any missionaries among the Indians or others in Upper Canada. Our Home Miss. Society the seat of which is at New York, has, I think, employed missionaries in that province, among the white people speaking the English language. The missionaries among the Indians & in the province are most, if not all of them, under the direction of the Canada Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our missions among the North-western Indians are all west of Lake Michigan & Superior.

Respecting the Indians within the province, & those north & northwest, on the Hudson Bay & the Red river, you can obtain pretty full, & with painstaking, pretty correct information from the gentlemen engaged in the fur trade, many of whom reside in Montreal. These gentlemen many of them have travelled through those immense forests, & visited & held intercourse with the numerous tribes which roam through them.

Respecting the white population of both of the Canadas, whether of English or French extract, you can derive much information from the Rev. Mr. Perkins of Montreal, or Rev. Mr Hoyt, who has travelled extensively there, distributing books establishing Sabbath schools, preaching &c than I could possibly give you.

Permit me, dear Sir, just to say here that Christians here have had a very strong desire that direct efforts should be made without delay to present the gospel in its purity to the French Catholics of Canada. Perhaps a person on the spot might see that insuperable obstacle were in the way of such a course; but we suppose that a Protestant speaking their language would be allowed to ~~insist~~ visit them at their houses, converse with them, attempt to undeceive them, to speak to all who would assemble to hear him; & in a quite unassuming manner to use almost all the means at his command, to turn their attention to their spiritual interests. It seems to us here, that the papists have been too long neglected as a hopeless class. But they belong to those who are given to Christ for his inheritance, & to that world, to the whole of which he commanded his disciples to preach the gospel. Why should they be neglected utterly, or till the last? Cannot you & your brethren find access to them? You possess peculiar facilities, coming from Europe, speaking their language as your vernacular tongue & being, from your circumstances in your own country, familiar with the prejudices of the Catholics & the best methods of approaching them. In the correspondence heretofore had with your society, by Mr. Anderson, who is now absent & sick, especial reference was ~~this class~~ had to labors ~~to~~ among this class of Canadians. Pressure of business compels me to write thus hastily. Be assured of my sincere affection for yourself & your brethren, & of my prayers that the Lord will open before you a wide & effectual door & greatly prosper your labors.

Yours &c

D. Greene

Boston May 9. 1835

Rev. Wm G. Schauffler.
~~Constantinople~~

My Dear Sir,

You will not be surprised that you & your brethren receive only a few lines from the Rooms by this vessel. Mr. Anderson is too unwell to aid us at all & is absent in search of health. Dr. Wisner has been removed from us suddenly by death; & you know that our business is of such a nature that we cannot call in help as an ordinary minister can. Our vacancies can be supplied only by persons trained to the work. How we shall get through with the exigency into which we are brought, the Lord who in a wise providence, has brought us into it, only knows. We, and the cause are all his; & let him lead us in a way that we know not, if he please; we are sure that it will end right.

Yours of Jany 1st came to hand the 28th ult with the accompanying letter to the Bible Soc.. which letter was immediately forwarded. Mr. Hill will probably inform you that $1000 has already been granted for printing the Psalms in the Hebrew-Spanish. The Society will undoubtedly grant you just as much as you can show to be necessary in the prosecution of your work & as much as you can show that you can dispose of to good advantage. So of the Tract Society. The amount of feeling of the patriots of both these Soc. is setting strongly toward the heathen; so much so that I fear that we shall not find men enough to use up their funds economically & at the same time carry on pari passu the other departments of missionary labor.

You will be glad to see Dr Grant & his wife on their way to Oormiah. May the progress of the Nestorian mission be cheering as its beginning; & that, that branch broken off from the Christian stock, as well as the Jews from which that stock sprung, may both become beautiful vines in the Lord's vineyard.

The articles you sent for have been purchased & put on board — Your Journal in Roumili with the sketches have come to hand & have probablay become acknowledged by Mr. Anderson.

Yours &c.

D. G.

Wrote to the following persons this day (May 9. 1835) acknowledging their letters &c — viz:—

Rev. Daniel Temple — Smyrna
" Thos. P. Johnston — Trebizond
" Eli Smith — Beyroot
" Saml. R. Houston — Scio
" H. G. O. Dwight — Constantinople
" John B. Adger — Smyrna
Messrs " Whiting & Dodge — Jerusalem
" Jas. L. Merrick — Constantinople
" Jonas King. Athens — D. Greene

New York city. May 9. 1835

Rev. D. O. Allen
Mahratta country.

My Dear Brother,

The general letter will inform you why I am here. I cannot let the Shepherdess sail, however, without writing you a few lines.

I do not recollect the dates of your letters, but will request brother Greene to append the dates of such as have not been answered. Your valuable directions to missionary voyagers were duely received, & I think were acknowledged in a letter written you some time ~~ago~~ since. I am sorry to say that your journal kept (during your progress from Ceylon to Bombay had not come to hand when I left Boston a fortnight ago. We shall be greatly obliged if you will be at the trouble of forwarding a duplicate of it, *to remain at the Rooms*.

We wish you also by all means, to send us journals of your travels in the Mahratta country as full & various as the matter as you have time to make them — *to remain at the Rooms* & be bound up with our other documents. It is a great loss to the Board, to have the journals of their missionaries pass into the hands of private friends. Write to them whatever you please; but to furnish us with a regular journal, of which we can retain the undisturbed possession, is worth all the trouble & expense it may cost. We have experienced so much trouble & pain by having valuable journals, not only from yourself, but a number of other missionaries & others, called for by friends ~~for~~ before we had done with, & taken away, & never returned, that we had almost determinde to seal up & send away unread all documents of that kind designed for private friends. We shall then be at least ignorant of the amount of our loss. By binding our documents, we are gradually accumulating a large mass of MSS treatises for for the future historian, independently of what finds its way into the Herald. You will oblige us by writing your journals on letter paper, with a margin at the fold of the sheet.

I hope you will write occasionally to the Bible & Tract Societies. They need encouragement.

I perceive by one of your letters to Mr Hill that you propose to travel armed with pistols. I will not be positive that my feelings on this subject are correct. It seems, to me, however, that missionaries should never arm themselves with deadly weapons with reference to their fellow men. And such I perceive is the feeling to a great extent in the Mhs. The report has been general that pistols & a musket were in the hands of Messrs Munson's & Lyman's possession when they were assailed by the Battas. The possession of arms, unless it was to guard against wild beasts merely, was felt to be at variance against their missionary character. Indeed it appears from their journal, which all are glad to know, ~~that~~ they at first resolved to carry no arms, but to trust themselves wholly to the guardianship of Him who is always with his missionaries. I express these views in the spirit of brotherly friendship. I was glad to see that they were the views of the members of our Committee, I believe without exception. It is a good while since we have purchased weapons for our missionaries, except to procure food, or to guard against wild beasts. The belief that war in every form against mankind is unlawful, is gaining ground in this country.

May the Lord guide & prosper you in your interesting work & labor of love. Let us hear from you often & believe me your friend

R. A.

P. S. We were well aware that you did not design to make any deadly use of the pistols, but meant to use them merely as a caveat.

R Anderson

New York May 9th 1835.

Rev. Cyrus Stone
Bombay

My Dear Brother,

The general letter will inform you why I am here. As I expected to have been home before the Shepherdess sailed, I have not your letters with me. Brother Greene will have the goodness to append the dates of those which have not been answered. The one you wrote me in reply, I think to a letter I sent by Mr. Allen, experienced, with some others in the same envelope, a strange mishap. Having occasion to make some alterations, three weeks since in our Rooms the parcel was found unopened behind a desk, where it had lain nearly or quite a year! This is the reason ~~why~~ the letter has not before been answered. I regret that I have neither your letter, nor the copy of mine to which yours was in reply, before me; & so cannot make some explanations which perhaps are demanded. However I know not that much more need be said. All I then wrote was in the exercise of a paternal spirit, though I perceive that much of it appeared to you to be severe. It is not improbable that some of your impressions were erroneous. If harmony is now restored to the mission, we will dismiss the past, & give praise unto God. We were by no means to make you solely amenable for the want of that harmony which we so much desired, & I trust you got no such impressions from my letter.

You do not appear convinced that the Committee are right in the principal they have adopted, that missionaries should not traffic for ~~gain~~ gain, even in religious books, & when the object is to devote the proceeds to charitable uses. The Board however, proposes to give, & does really give to its missionaries an adequate support; & it is with a view to take away all occasion for money making schemes. If the principle is violated from the best of motives, it may be violated by & by from motives which are not so good, & at length from bad motives. Whatever may be your private opinion, I hope you will strictly regard the principle. The best way to get good books into Bombay from this country will be for Crocker & Brewster to send a quantity to some safe trader in that city. I believe they have done something of that kind.

It is true that when we sent Miss Kimball to Bombay, it was with no thought of her becoming Mrs. Stone. Nevertheless we exacted no pledge from her that she would not marry in the mission, & we feel no ~~desire~~ disposition to complain; though we are sorry Miss Farrar loses so good a colleague. May you both find great happiness in your new relation. May the Lord Jesus bless it to the furtherance of his cause among the heathen, & make your united light to shine with sevenfold lustre. We shall endeavor to send Miss F. another helper, & regret that we cannot send one by the Shepherdess.

Both of your children have been some time at Mr. Hoadley's in Charleston (he who was formerly settled in Worcester.) Mr. H. speaks very favorably of them.

Yours &c.

R. Anderson.

New York May 9. 1835

Dear brethren of the Mahratta Mission

A cold which I took on the breaking up of winter while on a business excursion into Virginia, aggravated by severe labors on my return to the Rooms, made it necessary for me to go as far south as Phila. for the benefit of a fortnight's relaxation in a warmer air than we have at this season in Boston. I have come thus far on my return, with the effects of my cold, through divine mercy nearly removed. My brethren at the Rooms, however, do not approve of my going home so soon, fearing I shall lose the benefit of my journey, amid the east winds, & the excitements & fatigues attending the departure of our brethren

& sisters in the shepherdship. It is a serious trial of my feelings to be absent at such a time; but knowing well the present amount of work to be done between now & September - & the greater in consequence of our distressing bereavement, concerning which I believe I have written you - I have concluded to wait another week, when I may hope to resume my ~~studies~~ delightful avocations at the Rooms with health entirely renovated.

Not having your letters with me, I can scarcely be expected to answer them, but I shall write upon such topics, though briefly, & with haste, as at this distance from my place of business occur to me as important.

Of those who go to your help in the Shepherdship, I need speak only of Mr. Webster, the printer. It is at present uncertain whether he remains permanently connected with the Mahratta mission; though, while at Bombay, he will belong to your mission. Should we establish a mission at Ajmere for the Rajpoots, & find it worth while to have a printing press so far in the interior, & could he be conveniently spared from Bombay, he might perhaps go to that mission. The printing at Bombay will remain, as now, under the superintendance of Mr. Sampson. Mr. Webster, however, has been attending to the manufacture of type & stereotype plates, & bookbinding, & being, as we believe uncommonly ingenious, he has no doubt qualified himself to labor successfully in these departments. He carries out the necessary apparatus for cutting & casting types & for casting plates, & of that business it will probably be best for him to have the direction, under the mission. He will also assist Mr. Sampson in the printing, so far as may be necessary.

The Committee have passed a resolution, requesting you to consider whether all English printing that is not strictly of a religious nature, cannot be dispensed with. Letters recd from Mr. Sampson, as well as the amount of the English printing, have led them to apprehend that the English printing was in danger of making very unwarrantable demands upon the time & strength of the printer, & also of interfering with the Mahratta printing. The Committee are more & more disinclined to employing the press with a view to making money. Indeed, if pecuniary profit were the grand reason for English printing, they would be decidedly in favor of relinquishing it altogether; more especially works not of a religious nature. Moreover I have now the impression that the resolution is stronger than I have stated at the commencement of this paragraph. I believe it contemplates the cessation of English printing not of a religious character, as soon as the mission can bring about that result. Brother Greene will append it to this letter. The amount of Mahratta printing must almost unavoidably be less than it would be, if the press depended wholly on the Mahratta language for employment, & that is an important consideration. Besides your establishment could be ~~removed~~ enlargd.

I cannot tell how desirous we are that more rapid progress should be made in printing the scriptures & religious tracts in Mahratta. We find it impossible to prove to the Bible & Tract societies that there is not somewhere a censurable want of attention to this business. Is the Bombay Bible Society aware of the importance of your expending the funds contributated in this country for the printing of Mahratta scriptures? If it is not, & cannot feel the importance of this, then surely you must take the business into your own hands. Such is the opinion of our Committee. You should make strong representations to that society, & the members of it, as reasonable men, will either make speedy arrangements to facilitate the expending of the thousands of dollars which have been given for that purpose, or will cheerfully consent that you should go on, for the present, independently of them. At the same time there should be a spirit of mutual concession on all hands, or the work cannot be done to mutual satisfaction. Punctua~~ty~~tion, orthography, & matters of taste & fancy, when strained to their utmost importance, are nothing in comparison with friendly co-operation in brethren engaged in the same work.

We send you a number of blanks, one of which I beg you will be particular to fill at the close of each year, & send in time for an annual Report. It would be well indeed to send it in duplicate.

I designed to have written to each of the brethren separately had I been at home, but here I have not my letters by me, & have not the time before leaving for Phila. We regret to hear that Mr. Graves enjoys no better health. The Lord preserve him yet for more service. I have recieved his letter, written from the Hills, whither he had gone with Mrs Graves.

Mr. Ramsey will doubtless write you by the shepherdess, as he goes to Boston to see the Hindoo woman safely on board who came to take care of his children. I am sorry to see him in such poor health, & have some fear that his fever may have thrown him into a decline. His heart is much set on returning to Bombay. His two little children whom I saw in Phila were in fine health

But I must close. May all our sicknesses & trials be thoroughly sanctified to our growth in grace & more eminent usefulness while we remain in the flesh. — Yours &c.

R. A. (over)

Boston May 12th I insert on this sheet a resolution relating to the mission press adopted by the Com. on the 7th which is as follows.

"Resolved, that the secretary having charge of the foreign correspondence write to the Mahratta mission with a view to ascertain whether it be not inexpedient to continue the printing of English ~~books~~ works, not of a religious character, at the printing establishment belonging to the Board at Bombay."

Yours &c.

D. Greene

Boston May 13. 1835

Revd Messrs Benj. Clough, &
Daniel J. Gogerly,

Dear brethren in Christ.

Permit me to introduce to your acquaintance & kind attention two missionaries of our Board — the Revd John M. S. Perry & J. J. Lawrence, & their wives. The ship Shepherdess, Capt. Kinsman, in which they embark is to touch at Colombo, & leave them, & thence proceed to Bombay, with the Revd. Henry Ballantine, & Mr. E. A. Webster, printer, & their wives, who are destined to occupy stations among the Mahratta people. Messrs Perry & Lawrence who stop at Colombo, will either remain on the island of Ceylon, laboring with their brethren in the Jaffna district, or proceed ultimately to the Tamul people on the continent, as may be deemed by themselves & their brethren of the Jaffna mission most expedient.

Any attention which you may find it consistant ~~&~~ with your convenience to show ~~to them~~ these young ~~me~~ brethren & sisters, or any suggestions which you can give them, (for they are beginners, & I hope will be docile learners, in the missionary work,) will be very thankfully recd. by them & by our Committee, & will be very heartily reciprocated, if Providence shall place them or us in the circumstances to have the pleasure of returning a similar favor.

Mr. Anderson our Foreign Secretary, is in ill health & absent from Boston, which causes me to write this; which I do, however, with much pleasure, as it affords me opportunity to express my Christian regards for yourselves & your Society, & to assure you of my earnest prayers for you & the success of your work.

Yours &c. D. G.

Boston May 15. 1835

Rev. B. C. Meigs
Tillipally

My Dear Sir,

I find that letters from you, which do not appear to have been acknowledged by Mr. Anderson, as he is now in ill health and absent, & of course will not be able to write you by this opportunity, I will just mention their dates, which are June 23. Aug 13. & Sept 8. 1834; all received on the 19th of February last.

By the Shepherdess Capt Kinsman, we send you two more missionaries to enter your field; & we hope that they will be a valuable acquisition, & prove themselves indeed two ambassadors for God, come to preach to men in Christ's stead to become reconciled to God. One of them, Mr. Perry, has had four or five years experience in the gospel ministry, & been exemplary in his labors to plead the cause of Christ & win souls to him. His wife is a sister of the deceased Mrs Winslow.

Mr. Lawrence seems to be a man of excellent spirit— a meek, quiet, diligent man. They will expect to occupy old or new stations in Jaffna, or join their brethren already on the continent, just as should be deemed best by their brethren in the field.

We hope that Mr. W. will embark on his return, some time during the month of June, or July, & with him we hope to send one missionary, Rev. R. O. Dwight, & a printer, Mr. M. E. Bartlett.

We send you by the shepherdess a set of scripture cuts, amounting to 70 or 80, for illustrating both the old & new Testament. We suppose that they may be useful in ~~sending~~ rendering extracts from the scriptures, whether in the form of school books or tracts, more impressive. The use of the wood blocks was obtained from the owners, & we have had a number of sets stereotyped for the use of the printing establishment abroad. The expense in this manner is rendered comparatively small

Yours &c.

D. Greene.

P.S. I would just add that there is little danger that you will use the press, in multiplying copies of the scriptures or portions of them, or of tracts, & Christian school books, to a greater extent than funds can be furnished you for this purpose. Only show that you do it advantageously & to good effect, & the liability of the churches will, through the Bible & Tract Soc. sustain you.

D. G.

May 15. 1835. wrote to the following persons

Rev. Geo. W. Boggs	Ahmednuggur
" Hollis Read	"
Mr. Geo. W. Hubbard	Bombay
Rev. S. B. Munger	"
" David Poor	Batticotta
" Jas. R. Eckard	"
" Geo. H. Apthorp	Panditeripo
" John Scudder M.D.	Chavagachery
" Saml. Hutchings	Varany
" Wm. Todd	Madura

D. Greene

Boston May 28. 1835

Dear Brethren of the China Mission

Mr. Gordon has kindly called upon me, on his way to New York, & offered to take letters tomorrow for the Morrison, which he informs me is to sail immediately. Although the Sachem is to sail from this port next week, & this is the week of anniversaries, I will not deny myself the pleasure of sending you at least a few lines. I regretted to hear that a ship sailed for Canton five days since, as you may wonder that she brings nothing for you. She went off privately, as is too frequently the case. We do not mean to suffer a ship to go from this port without at least something for you. It is obvious, however, that what I shall be able to write you, will bear but little proportion to what I may be privileged to recieve from you.

The only joint letter recd from you & not yet acknowledged, is dated Jany 20

1835. It was signed by Mr. Bridgman & Mr. Williams

The letters from Mr. Bridgman are dated Dec 20 & 26 & Jany 2 & 3. I perceive, however, that the dates of Dec. 26th & Jany 3d were acknowledged by brother Green during my late absence.

Letters from Mr. Williams, dated Aug 27./34 (by way of England enclosing a memoir of Dr. Morrison, Dec 20. Jany 20. & 22 24th.

These letters with those received from Mr. Parker, give us a good deal of useful information, which will not be lost. A few paragraphs in our last Report will show that we have not been wholly carried away by the very ardent statements of our brother Gutzlaff. The remarks in your correspondence serve to confirm us in the correctness of our views, & will make us still more wary in our representations to the Chs. though, I trust not at all less inclined to seek for good men to send forth to your help. I cannot doubt that it is the Lord's intention to open China to the Commercial world ere long, & if he opens it to commerce, it may be that his people will follow with the gospel. This will probably be the order & course of things; & yet possibly our gracious Lord may rebuke & shame our unbelief by the making the gospel the pioneer through the whole progress of the great change. Our eyes must be kept intent on the wheels of his providence, & we must be in readiness to obey his will at a moments warning. We must not ~~[illegible]~~ wait for China to be opened, but must have as many first rate men as possible on the ground, diligently acquiring a knowledge of the Chinese language & manners.

We were glad to hear that Mr Parker had gone to Singapore to prepare himself for the coast. It is necessary to make the trial whether the manner of Mr Gutzlaff's reception on the coast has been owing to any thing peculiar in the man, & also whether it be possible by any means to form a permanent station there. Besides there are many urgent reasons why numerous copies of the S.S. & religious tracts should be immediately distributed. The funds granted by the Bible & Tract Societies should be used as fast as they can judiciously. But with Mr. Oliphant at your right hand, I have no fear but that you will realise the importance of this subject.

In respect to the Repository, there can be no doubt of its permanent & great importance. An effort is being made in New York to print an edition in this country. I do not know the prospects of success. You can charge the Board with the cost of all the copies you send to the Rooms, & with as much more as the mission shall deem ~~it~~ to be proper. It is no doubt proper that we bear some part of the cost; else how can it be right (as it is) for Mr Bridgman to devote so much of his time to editing it?

Our Committee have voted two ~~thousand~~ hundred dollars to Mr Dyer, to aid him in cutting his punches; & I have sent notice of this fact, with a copy of Mr Dyer's letter to me, to Mr. Hallock of the A.T. Soc. Mr. Bridgman of the Am. Bib. Soc. & Mr. Keith of the gentlemen's Chinese Association in New York. What they will do for him I do not know. But doubtless something). Mr Dyer must be enabled to prepare 3000 punches. He will be authorized, in a letter to be sent by the Sachem (which first goes to Batavia) to draw on Mr Tracy for the $200.

The Rev. Jas. T. Dickinson, formerly settled in Norwich Ct., & designated to the China mission, is expected to embark for Singapore on the 22d prox. He asked a dismission from a most affectionate people that he might be a missionary: his age, about 30, perhaps less. He goes unmarried. Mr. & Mrs. Ennis designated to Sumatra, & Mr. & Mrs North go in the same vessel. Mr North has acquainted himself with the art of type & stereotype cutting & casting. Mr. & Mrs. North go of course to Singapore, & so, I presume, will Mr. & Mrs. Ennis for the present.

I wrote to Mr Bridgman on the 3d of Apl. by the Samarang, & Mr. Greene wrote again Apl 24th. I hope you may secure the labors of Mr Morrison.

A very affectionate remembrance to Mr. Oliphant & Mr. Stevens.

Yours &c
R. A.

Boston June 3. 1835.

To the brethren Lindley, Wilson, & Venable.
South Africa.

Dear Brethren

We are truly rejoiced, & I trust grateful to the author of all mercies, when we heard of your safe arrival at Cape Town. Intelligence of this fact came some days before your letters. Of these I have now the pleasure to acknowledge the following: viz: from Mr. Lindley dated March 12th Dr. Wilson dated March 16th, & Mr. Venable dated Mar. 13th. Mr. Hill also rec'd. a letter, I think from Dr Adams: mentioning your departure from Cape Town for the interior on the 19th of March.

Your happy voyage was what I expected it to be. Our remarks concerning the danger of misunderstandings, &c were not intended for predictions, but for cautions. It is a most happy circumstance that your mission commences in prevalence of so much brotherly ~~love~~ affection, for our experience has been that such as the twig is, such generally is the tree. The Lord ever bestow upon you one heart & one mind, & that the mind of Christ Jesus. I follow you with the deepest interest through your long journey — a journey which with ~~a~~ some knowledge of its true character, I have for many years thought I should love to perform as a missionary to the poor natives of the country. By this time, no doubt, you are pretty far advanced, & with longing desire approach the neighborhood of your home & future labors. O that a great door of usefulness may be set wide open before you.

A few days after your arrival at Cape Town, that is, on the 9th of Feb, Dr Wisner was taken from us to the noble employments of the upper world. His sickness was of but five days continuance: it was the scarlet fever. How suddenly & how greatly were we bereaved! For the rest I must refer you to Dr. Fay's sermon at his funeral of which I send a copy for each of you. We are not yet quite certain who will be his successor at the Home Department; one cannot be appointed before September next. Our repeated bereavements admonishes us to trust less in man, & more, far more in the Lord, who only hath power & liveth forever.

You at once perceive the additional care which comes upon us who survive. In April I almost broke down, & was obliged to go into Penn. for two or three weeks for relaxation. I am now pretty well, but I must write you more briefly than I wish to do.

We send you letters pamphlets &c.. Of letters there are 1 for Mr. L. 4. for Dr P. & 4 fo Mr. W.

Of pamphlets a considerable parcel. We also send the books & prints you requested & Mr. Hill makes remittances of money to our agent Mr Rutherford.

Our affectionate regards to your dear partners. Praying the Lord to bless you all abundantly, I am Dear Brethren

most truly yours

R. Anderson

Boston June 3. 1835

To the Brethren Grout, Champion & Adams,
S. E. Africa,

Dear Brethren,

It was with joy & gratitude we heard of your safe arrival at Cape Town, nor was I surprised to hear that the Burlington could not carry you to Port Natal. Before you sailed I found a statement, as perhaps you may remember, that the water was not deep enough; while it was supposed that the S. E. wind would make the sea too rough outside of the bar for the ship to lie there in safety. We had some hope that you might find a small vessel bound to Port Natat, in which you could obtain passage. It seems, however, that your only way is by land, & that God has been pleased to hedge up that for the present by the Caffra war. In all this we see the hand of Providence; & should the way continue to be closed, & should Dr. Philip advise you to join (your brethren in the interior, & should your minds be inclined that way, you need have no fear that the Committee will not approve of your taking the same rout with your brethren, & with them commence a vigorous mission, through the divine blessing, in the country of Masalakatsi. We refer this entirely to your discretion, enlightened by the advice of our good friend Dr. Philip. It may be firmness to persevere at all hazards according to your origional destination, but is wisdom of a high order to discern ~~to~~ & be governed by the indications of Providence from day to day. However if the way is fairly open, & nothing else has been developed changing the aspect of the enterprise as origionally planned, you will naturally proceed to the country of Dingaan. Should you go to Masalakatzie, we shall endeavor to send another mission forthwith to Dingaan; i. e, as soon as we hear that the way is practicable. The existance of the mission in that quarter does not seem to depend at all upon your going thither, so that you may feel yourselves the more free too choose. Indead what Dr Philip says in his letter to me, makes me wish that both your missions were more numerous; & perhaps this may be so important, in the circumstances of the interior mission, as to warrant your going into the interior at all events.

This question, as already intimated, we must leave to be settled with the lights you have at Cape Town. The Lord give you wisdom & every grace neceſsary to decide it so as most to glorify him.

On the 9th of Feb. a few days only after you arrived at Cape Town, the Lord was pleased to take from us our dear brother Wisner by death. He was sick only five days, & his illneſs was scarlet fever. Our bereavement was as great as it was sudden, & we of course feel it daily. I send you copies of the sermon preached by Dr Fay at his funeral, which will give you the facts concerning him more fully. We greatly need somebody to take his place in the Home Department, but none can be elected till Sept. & we do not yet certainly know whom it will be deemed expedient to elect. Poſsibly some clergyman in the Presbyterian Church. As you will recieve this letter, if at Cape Town, before September, I beg you will unite in fervent prayer, not only that the death of our dear brother may be sanctified to us & to all the miſsionaries & agents of the Board & of the churches for which we act, but that the man after God's own heart may be found & appointed as his succeſsor.

As you have such an able adviser at hand, I think of but little to say in the way of advice, in addition to what was said before your embarkation & to what is contained on the preceding pages. You will easily perceive that we are preſsed with cares. In April my health came near breaking, but I am now pretty well, through divine mercy.

I have recd. the following letters from you; viz. from Mr Grout, dated March 14th; from

Mr. Champion Feb 4. & March 13th. from Dr. Newton Adams March 20th

We shall send 20 copies of the Miss. Herald as Mr. Champion requested, & shall add to them a good many back ~~numbers~~ volumes of the Herald, bound, to be distributed by Dr Philip among the English missionaries. We have them to spare.

I trust you will write me very fully while at Cape Town. If you find any rare & valuable books on South Africa, you may purchase them for our Library. You know our desire for accurate authentic ~~&~~ information

Yours &c

R. A.

Boston June 3. 1835

Rev. Dr. Philip
Cape Town Africa

Rev. & Dear Sir,

As the Sachem is to sail tomorrow morning direct for Cape Town, I must acknowledge your very kind and acceptable letter of March 18th. It was rec. on the 22d. ulto in company with a number of letters from our brethren who left us in the Burlington. Our brethren inform me that you have allowed them to encroach largely on your valuable time. Such I had no doubt would be the fact; but I feel it would be ungrateful & improper to place you under a sort of obligation of doing so many times more. And yet we cannot help it, if we send our missionaries to Cape Town, (as it would seem we must do,) because you have the experience & we have not. There is no way of avoiding the necessity but the one you proposed, —

sending a competent man to reside at the Cape, — & he for some time would have to be your pupil. If our missions in S. E. Africa become extensive, as probably they will; I think we shall have such a man at the Cape before many years.

I have written to the brethren Grout &c that the Com. will make no objection whatever to their joining the interior mission in Masa~~katako~~likatsi's country, provided you & they deem such a step on the whole advisable. Their going into the interior as it now appears to ~~me~~ us, & not at all hinder our establishing a mission in the country of Dingaan. If they are still at the Cape, they will read to you what I have written them on this subject.

Should they proceed to the maritime field, we think with you that it would be well for them to stop on the way till they have acquired some knowledge of the Zoolah language.

I feel much obliged by the S. A. Coml. Advertisers you were so kind as to send me. The speeches of Waterboer I design to throw out upon our Community as proof of native African intellect, as indeed they are. He must possess a noble mind by nature, ennobled still more by grace.

About the time our brethren arrived at Cape Town, the Lord was pleased to visit us with a severe affliction in the sudden death of our associate, Dr Wisner, who had charge of our Home Department. I send you the sermon of Dr. Fay preached at the funeral of Dr. Wisner. The character is in some respects a little overdrawn, but is on the whole very good & just. We greatly feel the loss of our dear brother, & scarcely know where to look to supply his place.

By the Sachem we send you a ~~new~~ number of new works of American ~~growth~~ growth, & also a number of volumes of the Miss. Herald for your private Library. Copies of our last Report &c., in the pamphlet form are added. These I beg you will have the goodness to accept as a small token of our gratitude. The Biblical Repository & Am. Quarterly Observer we shall continue to send you, as also our Miss Herald & other publications

Mr. Champion requested us to send 20 copies of the Herald to you, for one year at his expense, to be distributed among your missions. This we shall do, & at the same time add to them, for the same purpose, a considerable number of bound volumes of past years, which we gladly present to you for the miss. libraries of your various stations. Having many copies of some of the volumes on hand, it is perfectly convenient for us to part with them. They may at least promote a good understanding between our brethren from America & our brethren from England & Scotland &c.

All our brethren evidently look to you for advice with much filial feeling, & we feel confident you will advise them with the utmost freedom. We shall receive any further suggestions you may see occasion to communicate to us, with much gratitude

I write you in haste, but am, dear sir,
very respectfully & truly yours
R. Anderson
Secy of the A.B.C.F.M.

Books sent to yourself.
Wayland's elements of Moral Science.

Barnes Notes on Gospels 4. vol.
Dr. Woods Essay on native Depravity
First & Second for. Miss. 12. vol.
Sabbath School Visiter 2. vol.
Six months in a Convent
Memoirs of Harlan Page. 3 copies
First Ten Reports of the Board
Miss. Herald vol. 18 — 30.
6 first nos. of current volume

Boston June 5. 1835

Rev. John B. Adger
Smyrna.

My Dear Brother,

I wrote you last on the 20th of Feb. acknowledging your letters rec. up to that time. Mr. Greene also wrote you a few lines on the 9th of May. Since then no letters have been rec.d. from you.

I find the rocking chairs have all been sent, & also the exchange made of the volume of Clarks commentary which you sent by the Mermaid.

Mr. Clarke, in whose family you have your home for the present, has very kindly offered to take any thing we wish to send. We shall trouble him with all the letters, pamphlets, boxes &c. which we have on hand.

This is all that needs to be said in the way of business. We bless God for the prospect of usefulness which he is pleased to give you among the Armenians. Mr. Dwight appears to be greatly encouraged. I perceive, too, that his visit to Smyrna was very gratifying to him, as it was also to you. I was desirous that you should see each other; for after all we do not become thoroughly acquainted with each other without personal intercourse.

Yours &c R. Anderson

Boston June 5. 1835

*Rev. Saml. R. Houston
Scio.

My Dear Brother,

Mr. Greene acknowledged your letter of Apl. 28th & your journal of your visit to Scio under date of May 8th. I was then absent on a short excursion in consequence of a severe cold. I am now pretty well, through the abundance of divine mercy. It is a source of no small satisfaction to me that my expectations respecting Scio have been realized, & that you find there a flourishing field of usefulness. I well remember the sensations of my mind when passing & repassing the channel between the island & the main land, & gazing at the beautiful campass which is now the scene of your labors. Be not discouraged, although you meet with opposition from the ignorant priesthood. An open & manly course, as as you will very ~~a~~ easily & indeed naturally take with the people, will be the best in the end. You come to them as a minister of the Lord Jesus, not to make them protestants, but to diffuse among them the light of the gospel, & to bring as many as possible of them to repentance & faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Do not compromise the fact in the least, that without holiness no man shall see the Lord. Take your stand at the outset on the great vital truths of the gospel, & though you may have less eclat at first, & may experience more opposition you will in the end be the means of saving more souls, & will labor with more comfort to yourself. All this is probably consistant with saying but little about the forms & usages of the Greek Ch. At any rate, the great vital truths of the gospel regarded as a practical system, viz: repentance toward God & faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, must shine forth in the every day life & conversation of the missionary wherever he is.

I still regard Scio as most probably the place where our missionary Seminary for educating pious young men for the ministry is to be. Keep your eye on this point, & throw all the light upon it you can.

Your funds, as you are aware you will obtain from Smyrna.

Mrs Anderson unites with me in sympathising with you & Mrs Houston in your affliction while on the way to Scio. The Lord sancity it to your greater usefulness, & even to your greater happiness in future

Yours &c

R. Anderson

P.S. You must have an associate, but who he will be I do not yet know. I almost advised Mr Riggs to remove from Argos to Scio. Whether he will do so, is uncertain

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Boston June 5. 1835

Rev Daniel Temple & the
other brethren at Smyrna

Dear Brethren,

The Angola left us in the early part of May for Smyrna, having on board Dr & Mrs Grant of the Nestorian mission & Miss Rebecca Williams, destined to Syria. Mr trust they will arrive safely, & have no doubt but you will further them on their way. Miss Williams will remain at Smyrna until she can have suitable company to Beyroot. Perhaps some one will come from Beyroot. Dr. & Mrs. Grant will of course hasten on to Constantinople, where I trust they will find a speedy conveyance to Trebizond. If there is any opportunity of sending a letter from Smyrna to Tabreez, it would be well to apprise Mr. Perkins of Dr. Grant's arrival.

We have sent the materials for a type & stereotype foundery to Bombay; are on the point of sending them to Singapore; & shall soon send them to Madras; & perhaps also to the Sandwich Islands. What think you of sending them to Smyrna? When you next write, we should like to know the opinion of the mission on this subject. The cost will be from six or eight hundred to a thousand dollars. The materials for punch cutting, &c. are included. It would be necessary for Mr. Hallock to inform us what you already have & do not want.

There are no letters from any of you on our files, which have not been acknowledged.

I wrote you some weeks ago proposing a regular organization of yourselves into a mission, according to the usages of the missions of the Board.

Our gracious Lord has permitted me to say again that I am quite well. Our brethren in the Angola will inform you that I was absent when they sailed. I took a cold in Virginia in March, which aggravated by the labors of the Rooms on my return, & brought on a bad cough. Three or four weeks absence restored me.

However it becomes us to feel that our time is short, & that what we do must be done quickly

(over) Yours &c. R Anderson

P.S. It gives me joy to hear that George Badger has decided upon going to Beyroot

R. A.

Boston June 5. 1835

Rev. Wm Goodell.
Constantinople

My Dear Brother,

The letters from you to be acknowledged are the following: viz: dated Jany 27th 29th. & Feb. 11 (all recd. on the 19th ulto.); & your manuscript of letters written yourself & Mr. Dwight on the proper mode of conducting a mission at Constantinople recd. on the 23d ulto. Much of what you request in your letter of Jany 27. will be forwarded by this conveyance. Mr. Chapman is now getting the electrical machine for the Armenian & the three globes for the Greek ~~school~~ college. In respect to the zinc, copper, magic lantern & air pump, he will take more time for inquiry. I take it for granted that there is no danger of your making too large an investment in apparatus of this kind. I believe Claxton has an apparatus including an air pump which it may be economical to purchase. We have sent them to several missions. There will be other vessels in July.

I read the letters in the MS. you sent me with great interest & profit. I wish I had time to write you at large on the subject. They will doubtless prove prove of great use to us & to the cause. It seems to me however, that it would hardly be advisable to publish them in their present state, though parts of them might be published advantageously. I have a difficulty in respect to your main point, viz: that the Lord Jesus as a missionary, is the proper example for missionaries. It rather seems to me that the apostles are our examples (so for as their circumstances were like ours,) of the course which missionaries ought to pursue; & especially that the apostle Paul is such an example. The leading object of Christ's mission was to make an atonement. He taught indeed with infinite wisdom, but still there was an ulterior object which governed all his movements. His example cannot be too much studied, but if we must choose between the course which he pursued in his intercourse with men & that of the Apostle Paul, it seems to me that he would have us chose the latter. Either Paul imitated Christ as a missionary, or he did not. If he did, & aimed to pursue just the course that his master had pursued, then we should do the same: but if he did not, then the reason why he did not may be also a reason why we should not. This is my difficulty, & I regret very much that Mr. Schauffler's letters on the apostle Paul did not come with yours. I hope he will send them without delay.

There is only one ground on which I can adopt your theory fully, & that is that the chief dependence for publishing the gospel in Western Asia is to be upon native preachers raised up by you & your associates; & that your proper calling is to raise up such apostles, qualify them for their work, & prepare the way for their labors.

This is, indeed, a very important part of your object, & it should doubtless modify your proceedings; — but not so as to compromise your characters as ministers of Christ, nor prevent your daily exhibition of the great duty of repentance towards God & faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

In short, it seems to me that you have gone to an extreme in making the Lord Jesus as an example for missionaries, as such. The effect of this view would not be good in our churches, just now. You would be attacked, & to say the least very plausibly attacked, on the ground I have mentioned. Let us have the other view from Mr. Schauffler & another from yours or him showing how far there is a call, in the peculiar circumstances of your condition, for imitating Christ rather than the Apostles. Or rather, if you can show that both acted upon the same principles & followed the same rules, & that you are walking in their steps.

June 6th.

The subject is one of the very highest practical importance just now.— Our brethren in Syria seem to think that the ground they stand on is all the better now, for the bold stand taken in the early period of the mission. People expect them to be bold. However, their influence & prosperity of early success are perhaps less flattering than yours. I do not recommend a change in your method of proceeding; but let us observe attentively, & keep our minds open to conviction. I am persuaded that the best method of conducting missions, is still to some extent a subject for experiment. We need, above all the teachings of the blessed spirit, & the wisdom which He alone can bring us. That may we all have, & divine aid to bless our exertions.

We shall send you the zinc & copper now, & one microscope which cost $8,00 & magnifies 26.000 times. Also Claxton's pneumatics apparatus, containing an air pump. We do not find such a lantern as we wish to send you, but will have one made. Meanwhile you can use the one sent to Mr. Merrick

We learn that the Juan sails this afternoon, in all probability instead of tomorrow, & fear all the articles may not be in readiness. I can write less than I designed to

Yours R. A

Boston June 6. 1835

Rev. Wm G. Schauffler }
Constantinople. }

My Dear Brother,

I will say now concerning the 3d vol. of Freytag's Arabic Lexicon, that only the first part of the volume has been rec'd in this country; the residue is expected in July, when the volume will be bound & forwarded.

Your letter to the ladies Jews society, rec'd the other day was sent to them while in their annual meeting, & must have been ad rem exactly, for it interested & encouraged them not a little. You take the right view of them & alas! of the ~~character~~ chh. too. A few encouraging facts outweigh in their influence all the great & precious promises. However, it is true that the disciples of our Lord Jesus who act on principle, & ~~are~~ is increasing continually; the increase has been great the last five years. For this let us thank God & take courage.

Go on, as you have time, with your remarks on Jewish & Mohammedan missions. I am especially desirous of receiving the letter or letters you have written on the Apostle Paul as a missionary. The reason of this desire I have mentioned to brother Goodell. We need more light here at the Rooms concerning the method of conducting missions in Western Asia. We need it for our own satisfaction; & we need it, & soon may need it exceedingly, to satisfy the mind of many in the community. Yet I would not have you neglect other permanent duties. Write as you can command the time.

The Am. Bib. Soc. have paid a thousand dollars into our Treasury for printing the Psalms in Hebrew Spanish. You will of course suffer no unnecessary delay in the using up of this money for that purpose. It gave me no small pleasure to hear that the type can be obtained at Constantinople.

Go on, dear brother, with your good devices & useful labors for the recovery of God's ancient people. If you do nothing more than create facilities for others to labor, you do a great work. You remove a great stumbling block in the way of Jewish missions. You almost ensure the perpetuity of your mission

R. Anderson.

P.S. I am happy to say say that I now enjoy nearly my accustomed health. A severe cold, taken in Virginia brought me down sadly by the middle of April

Letters to be acknowledged:

Two dated Jany 1. 1835 (duplicates)

One " Jany 27. –

You may expect Mr Homes next autumn. He was ordained in Paris not long since. He He thinks of crossing the country from Vienna to Constantinople. I know not whether that be practicable

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Boston June 6. 1835

Rev. Jas. L. Merrick
Constantinople

My Dear Brother,

Brother Greene acknowledged your three letters during my absence last month. Every thing you wrote for appears to have been sent, except the Hebrew Concordance, & the bills of exchange. The Concordance we will send you as soon as we can obtain ~~them~~ one. By an accident Mr. Hill was not informed of the request for bills as he assures me, till this morning, so that they cannot be sent by this vessel. They will go by a vessel to leave early next month.

I am glad to see you regarding your miſsion in an animating point of view. It ought to be so regarded. Mr. Perkins remark, which you have quoted, exerted no discouraging influence on our minds. With your ideas of the prudence incumbent upon you, which appear to me to be just, & with the promised bleſsing of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have not much to apprehend from the moslems in the way of personal violence.

You ought not, however to travel alone, except as far as Tabriz.

Mr. John Francis Lanneau of Charleston S.C. has offered himself to the Board, he says he has recd an urgent appeal from you to join him in his contemplated miſsion, or to go as a miſsy to the Mohammedans of Constantinople. Presuming that you would not make such a proposition lightly, we shall no doubt propose his joining you, in case his testimonials are satisfactory to the Com. Our finding a medical man for you seems out of the question, at least, there is no present prospect of finding one. Should we find the right sort of a physician, the sending of another clergyman would be no obstacle to his going. Three men are not too many for the Persian miſsion

Take care of yourself lest the Persian miſsion should become extinct. Men ready to hazard their lives for the extinction of a spiritual kingdom of righteousneſs, are very scarce. The Lord raise & thrust forth many such.

If you must leave Const. before the next spring, & cannot wait for bills from Mr. Hill, you can borrow money of the miſsion at Constantinople

Yours &c.

R. A

(over)

P. S. I am happy to inform you that my health is pretty good.

The Am. Bib. Soc. has remitted five hundred dollars to the British & Bible Soc. with the understanding that you will draw on their agent at Constpl. for Turkish & Persian scriptures to that amount for distribution in Persia. I hope, therefore, that you will consider all the scriptures you recieve for Persia as to be charged to this grant. The distribution to contribute in this country for the circulation of the Scriptures abroad ~~in~~ is such, that it is the duty of American missionaries not to recieve gifts of them for the B. & F. Bib. Soc. but to pay for them their full value.

Boston June 6. 1835

Rev. Jonas King
Athens Greece.

My Dear Brother,

I have recieved word that the Susan goes this afternoon, in stead of tomorrow. Of course I am restricted to a few lines. By some means or other the following letters are without the usual mark upon them of their having been acknowledged, & I have no time to recur to my letter book to see if they have been. I have written you repeatedly since the first was recd. Their dates viz: May 19/34. May 21. July 10. Sept 11. Oct 7. Nov. 25. Dec 23. Jany 12/35. (Ackn: by Mr. Greene on the 9th ulto.) Jany 21. (with picture of St Nicholas) Jany 27- 30 & Feb 6. (both ack. by Mr Greene.

I wrote you July 8. Nov. 8. & Feb 26. Did you recieve my letter of July 8th. I

I should be sorry to have it fall into improper hands. It was on the stand which it seemed incumbent on you to take in Greece, in case determination should be manifested to shut out the gospel.

Our Com. think they cannot properly allow more than 2,000 $ a year for Athens out of the Treasury of the Board. I communicated this ~~and the~~ fact in writing Misses Brit, Chester & Wilder about a month ago, & also made verbal communications on the subject to Mr. & Mrs Wilder. I proposed that they should send you at least $1000. I have not yet heard what they will do. My expectation is that they will do something for you. I told them that by the end of another year, you could probably determine whether your institution could be sustained

I long, brother King, to see more done for the distribution of the scriptures in Greece. Mr Riggs health & spirits, however, are such at Argos, that I have almost advised him to join Mr. Houston at Scio. We are willing he should act according to his own views of duty, but are desirous he should go where his very good mind will work to the best advantage.

The French Bib. Soc. have granted $100 for your mission which Mr. Hill has forwarded. I hope you will write them

The proposal that you should take charge of the institution at Nauplia was remarkable. It must encourage you to persevere. You have such a hold on the Greeks as no other missionary has or can ever have.

R. A.

(over)

Journals rec'd:
From Nov 16. 1833 – to Jany 12. 1834
Jany 19. 1834 to Apl 30
May 1. 1834 to June 30. 1834

Boston June 6. 1835

To the brethren of the mission
in Syria

Dear Brethren,

Word has been sent that the Ioan goes this afternoon, instead of tomorrow, as we were first informed. Of course I must write more briefly than I had proposed to do. Indeed I have not much ~~to communicate~~ that is important to be communicated.

The Am. Bible Soc. at my suggestion, has again remitted $800 to the British & For. Bib. Soc. subject to the order of Mr. Smith, & to be drawn in Arabic Scriptures. Mr. Smith knows the history of this sum of money, as I remember he gave it to me. I hope Mr. Smith will do his best to have the money converted into Arabic scriptures as soon as may be. He need not wait for any further authority to draw for the scriptures.

Mr. Temple has informed me that Geo. has consented to go to Beyroot as printer. At this I must rejoice.

Miss Williams left us early in May, in company with Dr. & Mrs. Grant. *They* were bound to the Nestorians: *She* to Beyroot, where she expects to reside in the family of Mr. Smith. Either some one will go with her from Smyrna, or it may be necessary for some one to go after her from

Beyroot.

All the communications received from you have been acknowledged. We are anxious to learn more concerning the health of Mrs. Bird & Mrs. Smith.

I regret to say that we have not rec'd the map of Mount Lebanon, & the view of Beyroot, which was forwarded to us some time ago. Is it not possible to forward duplicates? I fear the originals are utterly lost. Does Mr Temple know nothing about them?

The books which Mr. Smith requests are forwarded in the Juan except the Am. Almanac for the present year, which is not to be found. I forwarded one some months ago. We send the almanac for 1836.

On the subject of building houses, I wish your mission, as such, ~~much as possible~~ would send us a good business document on that subject. To tell the truth our Com. were a good deal stumbled (if I may use this term) at the cost of brother Birds house, though it has since proved none too large, I believe. A well drawn up business like document on the subject of erecting & owning buildings in Syria, would be seasonable & useful. Let it have the concurrence of the mission, & the sooner you send it the better. I hope it will be concise, as well as complete, as I wish to read it to the Com. A defence of bro. Bird is not at all necessary.

We are all blessed with pretty good health. We know not yet whom to get for the Home Department to succeed our dear brother Wisner.

Yours &c

R. A.

Boston June 6. 1835

Rev Justin Perkins
Tabreez Persia,

My Dear Sir,

All the communications rec'd from you were acknowledged by brother Greene at the time Dr. Grant sailed, which was in the early part of last month. The journal of your visit to the Nestorians was deeply interesting.

I was sorry not to be here when Dr. & Mrs. Grant sailed. A cold I took in Virginia in March, aggravated on my return to Boston brought on a cough which made it neceſsary for me to be absent three or four weeks. I now, through divine mercy enjoy my usual health.

The Am. Bib. Soc. has made a grant of $500— to pay for the Syriac scriptures you circulated among the Nestorians. Whatever Syriac scriptures therefore, you recieve for the agent of the British & Foreign Bib. Soc. you will pay for them out of this sum, & be sure & inform us or the Bible Soc. how soon it is expended. It would be well to write the Am. Bib. Soc. in time for their next annual report, informing them what your progreſs & prospects are in respect to the holy volume. The money has been paid into our treasury. You have already rec'd copies of the Syriac scripures: had you not better instruct Mr. Dwight to pay for them?

I trust that you & Dr Grant will have great wisdom given you from on high. Be not surprised if some false profeſsions of respect & confidence are made, now & then, for the sake of drawing you out, for your disadvantage. Be wise as a serpent; or rather imitate the wisdom of our Lord & Savior. Your situation is immensely responsible. With untiring circumspection & prayer you may lead on the Nestorians to a glorious reformation; but one indistinct step may produce inestimable difficulties. We have just confidence ~~enough~~ that the Lord will guide & preserve you.

I saw your brother from Marblehead last week, & lent him your account of your journey from Erzroom, to carry home to his wife. I understood that they were all well

Yours &c R. Anderson

Boston June 6. 1835

Rev H. G. O. Dwight
Constantinople

Dear Brother,

I have only time to acknowledge your letter dated Feb ~~24~~ 9. which was rec. on the 19th ulto. Respecting the cheese I have nothing to communicate. I hope it has been rec. ere this time. The Skating &c which you request goes by the Imaum.

We are all in pretty good health, but need more help & more of the influence of the divine spirit.

Yours &c R. A.

Boston June 6. 1835

Rev Benj'n Schneider
Broosa.

My Dear Brother,

I have scarcely time to acknowledge your letters of Sept 17th Nov 22 & 24th. We have heard of Mr. & Mrs. Powers departure from Const'pl. for Broosa. The Lord grant them an open door of usefulness as he did to you & your dear partner. You rejoice in such openings, we rejoice, the churches rejoice, & there is great joy. May we be prepared also for the day of adversity. I have heard today that a French bishop, with a numerous retinue, had gone on a mission to the Sandwich Islands. The Papal church is the "man of sin" emphatically; but the man of sin is every where to be found. The success of the gospel will rouse him. This you will find. Only have the aids of the Almighty spirit, which prayer will secure, & you need not fear. But I must close —

Yours &c.

R. A.

Boston June 19. 1835

Mrs M. W. Dodge
Syria

My Dear Madam,

Through the medium of Mr Temple we have heard that the Lord Jesus has seen fit, in his unsearchable wisdom, to make another breach in the mission & to roll the waves of sorrow in upon your soul. Lover & friend hath he put far from you, & your acquaintance into darkness. This we did not expect. We had somehow cherished the expectation that the beloved physician would be spared, being apparently so needful for the mission. But the Lord seeth not as man seeth, neither are his ways our ways. There are reasons which satisfied his infinitely wise & benevolent mind that your husband should go hence & be here no more, & therefore he has gone, & all heaven surely is satisfied. You, dear madam, while you weep, will not repine, nor will we. We will be submissive. The Lord is on the throne, & he has done it, nor will we be disheartened. He lives, whose is the power by which ~~will~~ the work will be accomplished, & whose will be all the glory. Though all of us should die today, I believe the blessed enterprise would advance with increased power & success. We feel that we cannot spare (a husband, friend missionary); but the Lord Jesus has resources beyond our conception infinite. He can make up your loss & ours, by communications of his grace alone. I trust you have had the delightful experience of this already, & that, sorrowing, not as those who have no hope you have been filled with joy unspeakable

Mr Temple's letter came by mail across the continent of Europe. He informs me that he had recd a letter from you, which he should send by the first vessel. We have not yet received it. But immediately on hearing of your husband's decease, I communicated the melancholy fact ~~to~~ & all the circumstances within my knowledge, to his parents ~~in~~ at New-~~York~~ Castle & requested them to communicate them to your parents also. I was then about leaving town, & could not well do it myself. I have not yet heard from them.

I trust you will be able to remain in the mission & devote yourself to the instruction of youth. We need more examples of bereaved & afflicted widows remaining firmly at their post, & thus showing beyond controversy that ~~the~~ love to the Lord Jesus & the souls of the benighted led them away from their father-land. Yet if the mission are united in ordering your return, we will put no unkind construction upon it, but will give you an honorable discharge from the service of the Board. If you can remain & be useful in Syria, it will be better than to return, & you yourself will be happier than here. The Lord guide & bless you, & grant unto a rich inheritance in the great & precious promises

R. A

Boston June 19. 1835

Rev Daniel Temple
Smyrna.

My Dear Brother,

Last week I rec'd yours of Mar. 30th, which you were so good as to send me across the continent, & what unexpected & afflictive tidings it brought us! I sometimes fear that we do not lay our frequent bereavements sufficiently to heart. We take immediate refuge ~~in the~~ from the painfulness of grief in the boundless infinitude of the divine wisdom & goodness. This is no doubt right. But after all, hath not the Lord a controversy with us? This is the inquiry which often comes up in my mind. O that we might be of a wise & understanding heart that we may understand the meaning of Providence in events like these.

That we have ground for discouragement, however, I have no belief at all. I have never been able to see that the deaths of the agents in this work, whether at home or abroad, have been the least check to the enterprise on the whole; & though we all die, it will advance with increasing power & speed. For, as you say, the Lord reigns, & he is worth more than ten thousand of us.

It is probable that another physician will be on his way to Syria early in the autumn & as many as two or three more missionaries. The missions which have been undertaken must be sustained.

I have serious apprehensions concerning Mr. Powers. His constitution was so feeble, that had he not been a more than commonly excellent man, we should scarcely have encouraged his going.

We are glad to hear that Mrs Hallock

has so promising a school. May not the plague be suffered to brake it up. The papers represent that scourge as more than commonly threatening the present year.

Two hundred reams of paper will be sent you, either by the brig Almena, or the barque Miranda, both of which sail next week. It is ~~always~~ important that you always have a good stock of paper on hand

R. A.

P.S. I have written the following letters viz:
Feb. 16th – to yourself & brethren, which I hope you duly recd.
Feb. 20th to yourself.
" " – to Mr Hallock
" " – to Mr Adger.
March 3d. to Mr Houston.
May 9th to yourself & Mr Adger (by Mr Greene)
June 5th to Yourself.
" " to Mr Adger.
also to Mr. Houston under the same date.

Mr. Robertson has printed some works at Syra, which it appears to me we should do well to purchase in sufficient quantities to keep the mission supplied with them. But of this, you who are on the spot can judge far better than we ~~can~~. In case they are such as you need, & have not on hand, the influence of purchasing them would be good in various respects.

Boston June 19. 1835

Brethren of the Syrian mission

Dear Brethren,

I wrote you on the 6th inst. I write a few lines more by the brig Almena, by which, or by the barque Miranda, we shall send to Smyrna for you 150 reams of paper, or about that quantity. This with what was sent, some two or three months since will no doubt suffice for the present. We send this in consequence of having heard from Mr. Temple that George had consented to go to Syria as printer. We will send you a printer from this country whenever you request one.

We heard of Dr. Dodge's decease last week by means of a letter from Mr Temple sent by mail across the continent of Europe. 'Tis a most afflicting event, & one which you have found it doubtless hard to meet with christian fortitude.

How long were you desiring a physician & how soon was he taken away! I have written to Mrs Dodge.

We have a physician now in connection with the Board, whom it is probable we may send you in the autumn, perhaps in company with two or three missionaries, & another single female.

Mr. Temple in communicating the fact of Dr. Dodge's decease informed us that he had been successful in his prescriptions for Mrs. Bird, & we infer that you were confident of her recovery. In this we rejoice & for this we would bless the Lord. In the midst of judgment He remembers mercy. We have felt no little solicitude for Mrs. Smith, fearing that she exceed the strength of her constitution in her attention to the schools. All should remember that life itself is one of our most precious talents. It is possible for us to ~~bring~~ bury it in the grave

R. A.

Boston June 29. 1835

Rev. Elias Riggs
Argos Greece.

My Dear Brother,

Though I have no letter from you on my files unanswered, I cannot let the Almena sail without writing you a few lines. Mr. Temple under date of March 30th. informs me that Mrs. Riggs was there at Athens, much better, but not entirely free from dropsical symptoms. May we soon be favored with intelligence that she is well. He states also that you were at Syra seeking for teachers for your schools at Argos. I infer from this that your prospects are better at that place. I hope they have become so good & settled that when my letter of Feb. 21st reached you you were at no loss what to do. Do you think the air of Argos healthful to yourself & wife? I still say that it is left to yourself to decide, whether to remain at Argos, or go to Scio. We regard the station at Scio as a part of the Greek mission, & hope it may become a very important part.

I sent a letter of inquiry to Mr. Benjamin, the other day, to ascertain if he was not almost ready to embark for Greece. We shall have his particular location

I presume, to be determined after his arrival, & after he has seen you & Mr. King.

Keep up good courage, dear brother, for your labor is not in vain, in the Lord. Be sure that you hold up the doctrines of repentance towards God & faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. No course of missionary operations can be correct, which excludes these, or which does not make them conspicuous. But with such a testimony in one of the great cities of Greece, you do not, cannot live in vain. The pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in your hands.

R. A.

Boston June 19. 1835

Rev J. J. Robertson D.D.
Syra. Greece.

My Dear Brother,

Your very acceptable favor of July 30th did not reach me till nearly the close of the year. I was surprised, however, on looking over the file of my foreign letters, to find how long time had elapsed since its reception. Various causes have led to the delay. The death of brother Wisner has been one. Two months of the time I have been absent, & one of those months in consequence of ill health. Another cause has been my desire to write you a well filled sheet, such as you had the goodness to send me. Whether I succeed according to my wishes, or not, I must no longer delay.

I am happy to say that our brethren all appear to cherish that excellent spirit towards you, which is so apparent in your letter towards them; at least I cannot recollect anything to the contrary in their correspondence. This is as we desire it to be all over the world. This is consistent with an entire preference of our determinate peculiarities. This is consistent with the most vigorous prosecution of foreign missions, as Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Baptists & Methodists. We may decidedly prefer our own way of doing good; but so urgently needed are evangelical labors that we cannot help regarding those which are less excellent as sure to advance the cause of our dear Redeemer. Here, then, in conjunction with with the fewness of the laborers from all the evangelical denominations combined, is ample ground for mutual good will & well wishing coöperation. For this reason, I am free to say (being rather "high" in my peculiar notions) & not for this alone I rejoice to see your church coming more into the work, & sending missionaries to China. I wish they would send also into the heart of Asia Minor, & into Mesopotamia, & save us the necessity of sending thither, & into the thousands of other places not already occupied. I should be glad to see hundreds more of our Episcopal brethren going forth this very year to the Chinese. We can labor together in love, we must, we will divine grace helping us.

No mission puzzles like the Greek mission. I speak now of its prospects. Sometimes I have great hope, then almost none; except that I believe that great good would arise, in various ways, from a judicious, but persevering effort to circulate the scriptures in all parts of Greece. I have urged this subject on Mr King's attention; & I cannot doubt but you, Dear Brother, have thought much upon it, that some one or two persons (& you & he would be the best) should make it almost a sole business for a year or two, to travel through Greece, & urge the Word of God upon the attention & acceptance of the people, old & young, priest & layman. I would submit to the rules prescribed by the laws, & nothing but the direct opposition of the competent authority should stop me. If they would put fetters upon the schools I would give them up; & if upon the press, I would let it stand still for a season, (or remove it to Smyrna) ~~to press~~ only that it might press the work more earnestly. This single operation, it seems to me, would do much for Greece, besides distributing many copies of the SS; – it would in the end do much towards breaking down the intolerant policy of the govnt. There is nothing more difficult for them to interfere with plausibly & effectually, than the circulation of the New Testament. Perhaps your duty to your printing establt will prevent your doing this; but I greatly desire to see it done by some one at least, & done immediately.

I have had repeated interviews with Capt Coffin. He remembers you & Mrs. Robertson with great respect & affection. I thank you for your publications which I shall have bound for our Library; please remember us in future. The statements of the "general object of the Board" which you were pleased with, were the result of reflections while suffering with a broken right arm two years ago. They are as tired of your society, I presume, as of ours. I send you our last Report. We mean to furnish you regularly with the Herald from Smyrna: do you recieve it? If not write Mr. Temple. H

I occasionally recieve letters & parcels for you which are regularly transmitted to Smyrna. I shall always be happy to serve you in this way.

We shall suggest to our brethren the expediency of purchasing your publications, or at least a part of them for their own use. We have funds which we should gladly employ in that manner. Perhaps they have done so already.

R. A.

P.S. I hope your remarks concerning the commerce with Syria will induce some of our merchants to stop at that port on their way to Smyrna.

Perhaps I ought to add, to make myself fully intelligible, that my hopes from the effort before described to distribute the S.S. in Greece, do not so much arise from the direct influence of the S.S. themselves, (i.e. their present influence) as from the influence of that one effort to which the govt. & priesthood can least object, carried very far so as to attract general attention. I suppose, too, that objections & partial opposition, if meekly & firmly met, might do good. It is possible that, in an emergency, the pious distributor might neutralize the govt. & possibly the priesthood; but with special reference to the popular sentiment. I see no ground but this on which we as foreigners can take & hold strong ground. I am not sure that I am correct in my views, but it can do no harm to state them.

Boston June 22. 1835

Rev. C. F. Schleinz
Malta

My Dear Brother,

These is a bundle for you on board the barque Miranda. It contains such publications on hand as are due to you. I hope you have re̅ those which have been already sent ~~to you~~. If any of the periodicals fail, I should be glad to know.

Yours &c
R. Anderson

Boston June 27. 1835

Rev. Robt Baird
Paris, France,

My Dear Brother,

I have delayed answering yours till the very last moment that I might have something of a satisfactory nature to communicate in reply. I have not succeeded according to my wishes. I copy the following article from the "Detroit Journal & Advertiser" of the 5th inst.

The clergy of Geneva have published an admirable address to the protestant congregation of the Canton, calling upon them to join in the solemn celebration of the approaching Jubilee of the Reformation. In order to commemorate the conclusion, in August next, of the third century that has elapsed since that great event, divine service is to be performed simultaneously throughout the territory: ~~such~~ medals have been struck, & a history of the progress & consequences of the Reformation written. & both will be distributed to the protestant youth in Geneva; while the reformed churches throughout the Christian world are invited to a consentraneous celebration of the day, & to assist by their representations at the solemnities at Geneva."

We suppose it probable that a circular has been sent to the Unitarians of this country containing a request & that delegates might be sent; though we have not direct positive evidence of the fact. A friend of mine was informed, the other day by a Unitarian gentleman much conversant with the affairs of that denomination, that a young gentleman related to Dr Channing, & of the same name, was to be at Geneva at the same time, & it was understood that he was to act as the representatives of the party here. I doubt whether there has been much formality ~~as to~~ in his appointment. But if a young gentleman by the name of Channing is at Geneva in August the presumption will be strong that he is there in consequence of a previous arrangement made with the Unitarians in Boston.

Should I hear any thing more on Monday, I will communicate it. Your letter is now out of my hands, & I have in vain endeavored to get it before I must take the Rail-Road cars for my temporary residence ~~out of town~~ in the country. I may have forgotten some inquiries.

I have not yet written you the letter I promised. I think I shall wait for the result of our commission to Dr Humphry, who was requested to make particular inquiries concerning the mission Seminary at Lausanne.

R. Anderson

Boston June 29. 1835

Rev. E. C. Bridgman
Canton, China.

My Dear Brother

My last letter was dated 28th of May, & was addressed to the Brethren of the mission. It was sent by Mr Gordon. Today Mr Coolidge was so kind as to call & say he was to leave tomorrow for New York & China, & would take letters for you. You have evidently made a very favorable impression upon his mind which I hope you will follow up to his eternal good.

I informed you in my last that our Com. had voted Mr. Dyer two hundred dollars. The Bible Soc. have sent us $500 for him which will be remitted through Mr. Tracy. From the Tract Soc. more will doubtless be sent; & if at last more is still needed to complete the necessary fount, our Com. will no doubt approve of your making such an arrangement with him as will prevent delay, provided only four or five hundred punches more are wanting. The Tract Soc. adopted ~~such~~ a resolution of such a nature, before their late annual meeting, that I believe the Sec. of that Soc. regard you as having discretionary power to use the funds appropriated for Chinese tracts so as to secure at all events, the metalic types for printing the Tracts.

Agreeably to the original understanding with Mr. Stevens, we shall send him an appointment by the next vessel, as a missionary of the Board.

I understand the necessary funds have been subscribed in New York to procure a ship to aid our operations in the Chinese ries. The detail of the plan I am yet unacquainted with, but am endeavoring to get into correspondence with the leaders in this very praiseworthy enterprise. The design is, to send her out in the autumn. Something of this kind is indispensable to our operations, not only in China but in the islands of the Pacific.

Mr. Thompson was here a few days since. He designs going to Illinois, as he informed me. I do not see what he can do in this country. He came with the expectation that we should purchase his land & pay for it here. I showed him to his no small disappointment, that discretionary power was given to the mission at Canton in connection with Mr. Olyphant to make the purchase; & as he had informed me that Mr James ~~[illegible]~~ Scott, of Singapore, was authorised to act as his attorney, it was obvious that we could do nothing. I was glad, on the whole, that it was so, for we should not have felt at liberty to do any thing. I learned from unquestionable authority, that on his return from England he chose not to have an investigation ~~of the subject~~ into the unfavorable reports against him, but desired merely a dismissal from his Soc.. *He brought no letters of introduction.* I had heard of these reports against him, & of his difficulties with his society & had I been at home when your letter came recommending the purchase of the printing establishment, I should probably have proposed a correspondence with the London Soc. before the business ~~closed~~ was settled. I have since learned from this Soc. that the facts were not exactly as they were stated to you. However, they take our purchasing the establishment in very good part. They express an earnest wish that you will be careful as to what you admit into the Repository, & that the Lord will give all of you great prudence & firm principle, not easily led away by exparte ~~statement~~ statements. The misunderstanding between the London Soc. & its missionaries in the Archipelago, are much to be regretted. You will beware not to become a party in them. If you are in danger of being affected by them in any way, I wish you would write me on the subject. It is not at all probable that the wrong is all on the side of the Soc. Our own experience in the Mediterranean some years since, (which occasioned my voyage thither,) shows that a whole mission may, for a long time totally misunderstand the proceedings of the Soc. I might no doubt throw some light on the misunderstanding which threaten so ~~great~~ much injury to the London Society's mission in the East, provided there were reasons why I should seek for information on the subject. Better, however, keep your minds balanced on the whole subject, & as much as possible allay the irritations of the brethren

I presume you have made a purchase of the land at Singapore, unless some new reasons have been developed to produce the delay.

Mr. Thomson says the College building at Singapore is not worth repairing.

R. A

Boston ~~July 1~~ June 30 1835

Rev. John Leighton Wilson
Cape Palmas.

My Dear Brother,

I have heard this morning that Mr Gustavus's brig Susan Elizabeth is to sail for Cape Palmas on the 4th of July. I rejoice at this, for I have been anxiously looking for an opportunity to write you, & almost despaired of finding one for some time to come.

Since April 28th I have recieved from you the following letters ~~dated March 4th.~~ viz: bearing dates of Dec 13 - 27. 1834. Jany 10 - 27. 1835 Feb 12. & March 4th. I have also recieved Dr Hall's letter dated March 19th. Of course, we have heard of the repeated illness of Mrs. Wilson & yourself. The tenor of Dr Hall's letter especially alarmed us concerning yourself. Hope, which generally takes the part of our fond desires, has prevailed over our fears, & I address you as still a missionary of the Lord Jesus in Africa. I trust that both you & your beloved partner are ~~to~~ still pursuing the work of your mission, & with renewed health. Be careful. Go not to fast. Remember, that the same amount of labor is not now required of either of you that would be required of you if you were in this country & had equal health. Remember all we said to you about the apparent importance of your lives in the early stages of the mission. Do not understand at all as attributing your sickness to any want of care. The fact that the fever came upon you in spite of your care, only shows the more how important is circumspection. Our prayer is, that what you have suffered may suffice, & that it may only have the influence of rendering you both more eminently spiritual & devoted to the service of the Lord Jesus, & thus of laying the foundation of the mission deeper & broader in the spirit of piety.

I wrote you Feb. 16th & informed you of our great & sudden loss in the death of brother Wisner, which took place on the 9th of that month. We sent you copies of Dr. Fay's sermon ~~&c~~ in which are all the particulars. The breach upon us ~~was a very great~~ has been great, & we do not yet see how to repair it. Mrs Wisner has removed to New Haven. She lays her affliction much to heart.

You need not fear our sending you colored assistants from this country. Our rule is fixed that they must be engaged by the members of the mission & responsible immediately to the mission for the reasons I stated to you, & to which you have referred in your letter. I suppose our chief hope must rest, under God, upon helpers educated upon the soil where they are to labor. Should your lives be spared we shall doubtless be able to send you by & by one or two assistants; but I have little expectation that we can obtain white schoolmasters of the right stamp to teach schools in the native towns. The risk of life must be very great to persons who keep school in those towns, I mean to a white man. Such schoolmasters, at any rate, must not be among the earliest sent; let the mission become well established first, not only in fact, but in public opinion.

Mr. Preston wrote me from Savannah, in May, that Samuel Whitfield, a colored man of that place, a member of the Baptist Church, (whom I think you mentioned to us,) was still expecting to go to Cape Palmas as a teacher. I have written him on the subject. Mr. Preston he has no decided preference to the Baptist denomination, but there is no knowing beforehand how he would feel & act on that subject in Africa. I told Mr. P. that the man could have no sufficient reason to cherish such expectations, & that this was a case in which our Com. as such did not act. Yet probably recollect the man.

Mr. Hill is much perplexed on the subject of your supplies, your letter on the subject is so general. We recollect that you wrote it in great bodily weakness, & I hope he will make out some sort of a list of articles to be purchased in New York, & sent you by the Susan Elizabeth. You should always mention *the articles you need specifically & positively* & the *quantity of each article*. This will add nothing to your labor; it will insure you just what you want; & it will save Mr. Hill much perplexity, time, & thought. In no other way can you save yourself from disappointment as to many articles, & perhaps articles of prime necessity.

I send you a parcel of pamphlets papers &c. I sent a small parcel to Baltimore in May, but they were afterwards returned to New York: the reason I do not know. In that month I was near a week in the family of an excellent friend Mr Henry of Phila. I was there relaxing for health. They remember you & Mrs. Wilson very affectionately.

R. Anderson

Boston July 10. 1835.

Rev. Ira Tracy
Singapore

My Dear Brother,

One of the letters to me from Singapore stated, that the time of your marriage was fixed & near; & some one, I understood, has been informed that you were actually married. Permit me, then, to congratulate you & your wife, & to give you my best wishes for your mutual happiness & great usefulness. May you both live long, & wholly to the glory of your Redeemer & Lord.

Our dear brethren Dickinson, Arms, & North, by whom I send this letter, will introduce themselves, & explain the nature of their respective missions. Mr. North brings with him all that we suppose necessary to make your establishment complete, not only for printing, but for manufacturing types & stereotype plates. If it be expedient to divide the labors of superintending our printing in the East, the Chinese will fall to Mr. Williams, & Siamese, Malay &c. to Mr. North. It will be an important object with Mr North to train up native helpers in the several departments of his office as fast as may be.
My belief is, that he expects ultimately to prepare himself for the preaching of the Gospel. To this, when it can be done without disadvantage to the mission we are not inclined to object. I ought, perhaps, to add that circumstances led us to inquire into Mr. North's character & qualifications for the missionary service more particularly than usual, & the result has been very satisfactory.

Mr. Thomson was here about a fortnight ago. He does not appear to have brought a single letter of introduction from England! We could do nothing for him, & his prospects in this country are far from being good.

He was sadly disappointed that we had sent out conditional authority / to purchase his land at Singapore. He hoped to have recieved the money for it here. But had we not sent out such authority, we could not have ventured upon the purchase of it from him in Boston, as we know not the validity of his title &c. I trust if the land has been purchased, the legality of the title &, the transfer has been properly attended to. You have an act of incorporation in the Appendix to our Twenty third Report. If necessary we can send out a copy of it certified by the Governor of the State. The act has been recognised at Bombay.

From Mr. Thomas account of the state of the unfinished college buildings at Singapore, I should not think it would ever be worth while for us to attempt to finish it. There would be more economy in a new building at origine, should we resolve upon having a Seminary of our own.

We desire at some time a confidential report from you concerning the college at Malacca, with special reference to the use we may be able to make of its advantages. In drawing up this report you will of course avail yourself of the judgments of your brethren at Singapore.

Your interview with the natives of Borneo has developed facts, which are a Macedonian cry from that great island. Doubtless a mission should proceed there before long. Every fact concerning the island should be gathered & transmitted to us.

Mr. Hill will authorise you to pay $200. to Mr. Dyer on our account & $500- on account of the Am. Bib. Society, to aid him in preparing his Chinese punches. I saw it stated in a recent number of the Asiatic Journal, that Mr. Legrand, a type founder in Paris, had finished 200 steel punches of the Chinese characters, under the direction of Mr. Pauthier. Still Mr. Dyer should go on. The

Tract Society will furnish other assistance, & every facility must be secured for printing the Chinese. Go on boldly trusting in the Lord. Aim as much as possible to the conversion of individuals. The Lord be with you

R. Anderson

(P.S. see p. 381.)

Boston July 10. 1835

Mr. S. W. Williams
Canton China,

Dear Brother,

My only object in writing you now, is to say that Mr. Alfred North is about sailing as a printer to Singapore, & that we reserve the Chinese language for you, so far as you may be able to superintend in the printing of that language. Mr. North will attend to the Siamese, Malay &c. He has learned the art of type cutting, & takes out with him whatever is necessary to give us a complete type & stereotype foundery at Singapore. We do not know that you will ever labor together in the same great book manufactory; but if you should, the present division of responsibility may serve as a basis for a more perfect one then to be made.

R. A.

Boston July 10. 1835

Rev. Wm. H. Medhurst
Batavia

My Dear Sir,

I wrote you on the 3d of April in reply to the letter you had so kindly written me in relation to the lamented fate of our brethren Lyman & Munson, & in behalf of their afflicted widows. I also inclosed to you a copy of a letter I had written to send to Mrs Munson & Mrs Lyman. That letter, however, was too much the nature of a discussion of principles to suit me, & I presently decided not to send it to the persons for whom it was written. I then went to the wharf to get my letter which I had written to you, but the ship had sailed. The principles explained in the letter of which I sent you a copy, were afterwards embodied in resolutions by our Committee, & enclosed to our beloved friends in a letter suited to the present state of their feelings. We have since been in correspondence with some of the most intelligent & judicious members of the church in Brunswick, State of Maine, of which Mrs. Munson is a member, on the subject of a proper allowance from our Treasury. The case is one of much difficulty & delicacy, but the Lord, I trust, will throw sufficient light upon our path to adjust it properly.

Permit me to introduce to your christian acquaintance & fraternal counsel the following missionaries of the Board about to embark for the East; viz:- The Rev. James T. Dickinson a missionary to the people using the Chinese language, & desiring to converse with you on the expediency of occupying a station at Padang in Sumatra; & Mr. Alfred North & wife, to be connected with our printing establishment at Singapore. Mr North is a printer, & is also acquainted with the art of manufacturing type. Mr. Arms visited Patigonia two years since, but found no opening there for a mission. His manners are diffident, but we repose much confidence in him & his wife. Mr Dickinson took a dismission from an affectionate people, in a most eligible station, to engage in a mission to the heathen, & in every view is a most promising man.

We are truly under great obligations to you, Dear Sir, for your kind attention to our brethren & sisters hitherto. At the same time we feel assured that your interest in the welfare of the cause will ever ensure to the inexperienced missionary who comes in your way, of whatever

Society or nation, the benefit of your long & valuable experience in missionary labors.

We send you our late publications.

I saw Mr. Thomson, from Singapore, about a fortnight ~~ago~~ since. He designs going to one of our Western States. I fear the expectations which brought him to this country will not be realised. My impression is that he brought no letters of introduction whatever from England!

R. Anderson.

Boston July 10. 1835

Rev. Peter Parker
Singapore

My Dear Brother,

The letters rec'd from you bear dates as follows, viz: Sept 18 – 29th. Oct 30, & Dec 4th 1834: also extracts from the journal of your voyage. You need not fear being too minute in your descriptions; ~~for~~ although we were to publish very little, we should have the documents on file, & ultimately bound, & the information would be useful to us, though it might be inexpedient to publish all of it. It is sometime, I believe, since extracts were put into the Herald from journals of missionaries while on their voyage to their respective fields, & I presume Mr. Greene will think it best not to insert any part of your journal of your voyage. Indeed he informs me that he thinks it inexpedient. We have several documents of that kind on hand.

We rejoice to see you preparing to attempt a station upon the coast of China. The Lord bless you in this attempt. You know that nothing of the kind has been yet effected, or even attempted; & I have ~~never~~ very deeply regretted that Mr. Gutzlaff should have drawn & published abroad such sweeping conclusions from his excursions along the coast. The Lord can overrule this for good, & doubtless will; but unless something more is effected in China, I fear a reaction in our chhs. In your attempts, however, you must use all the necessary precautions to prevent a failure; &

one of the greatest importance, next to the smiles of Heaven, is a good knowledge & a familiar use of the language of the people. Take the necessary time for this & it will be time saved in the end.

In contemplating China, it seems to me that more than ordinary devotedness to Christ & dependance on his grace will be demanded in him who would plant the Gospel within her walls. The glory of subduing that kingdom will be his. But where there is a humble desire to do his will & promote his glory, the soldier of the cross may advance boldly onward, provided he has left nothing undone in the way of preparation for the combat which the Savior has made to devolve upon him.

I have been unexpectedly called away for a week & must therefore write you more briefly than I wish to do. The Lord give you wisdom, grace & all needed strength for your work ~~& a~~ of faith & labor of love.

R. Anderson

Boston July 10. 1835

Revs. Messrs. Robinson & Johnston
& Doct Bradley, Siam.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Sept 3d 1834, giving the very gratifying account of your arrival at Bankok & your favorable reception there, was recd in March, & answered in April. Or rather I should say, the arrival of the two of your first named; for we have not yet heard of Dr. Bradley's arrival at Bankok, thought we have recd letters from him dated Maulmein, Dec 12th & Singapore Jany. 13. 1835, & the general letter signed by himself & his fellow passengers in the Cashmere.

Our fears as to your reception by the authorities of the place had been somewhat awakened by reports which probably had their origin in the persecution experienced by the Papal missionaries in Cochin China. The Lord's name is to be praised, & while we thank God we will take courage. Lay your plans for a permanent occupancy & influence in the kingdom of Siam, & find out the bearings also which your mission will have on the neighboring kingdoms. However, I would caution you not to extend your plans too much. Have no more schools than you can superintend & make decidedly Christian in their influence on the pupils. Direct much attention daily, with dependance on the Holy Spirit to the conversion of individuals Success in this respect, independently of the amazing consequences to the individuals themselves will be most essentially helpful to your missionary labors. Success of this kind might possibly awaken persecution; but, after all, nothing will so much give you a permanent & strong hold on the country, as a number of true converts to the faith of the Lord Jesus. Aim at the salvation of individuals & ~~you will~~ soon you may expect, through the smiles of Heaven, to see a church of natives growing up around you.

I would again caution you on the score of health. In some way you must contrive to have daily exercise in the open air. You diet should be simple & yet nutritive. If either of you finds himself running down as to health, & a voyage would be useful, you could visit Singapore again, or Canton or Batavia, or even Bombay where you say vessels frequently go from Bankok. Only be, everywhere the missionary, & everywhere keep your eyes open to observe, & your pen ready to report.

We send you the articles requested in your letter, but whether too much or too little, we have not means of knowing. When you ask in future for any thing, you should specify the quantity &c; for instance for Slates, say how many, whether 6 doz. or 10 doz. &c.

This will save us from much perplexity & labor, & you from disappointment; it will also ~~prompt economy~~ promote economy, by preventing you from getting more than is necessary. The black boards, we cannot send you; perhaps you can supply a substitute. I think we shall get some made, but it requires time to make them — We shall be happy to send you any thing you need, in case you give us the necessary information.

We are all pretty well, & the Lord is smiling upon us as usual. We greatly need however, more of the influence of the spirit upon our own souls, & they are greatly needed upon all the missions. For these let us pray unceasingly, nor cease our importunity till the blessing is conferred.

Remember me to the fellow laborers in the Baptist Mission. May you all have grace to labor together as disciples of one Lord one Faith, at any rate, if not of one baptism.

R. A.

Boston July 11. 1835.

Rev. Saml. Dyer
Penang.

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of Nov. 13th 1834, requesting that there might be a subscription in this country to enable you to complete the punches necessary for a fount of Chinese metalic type, I laid before our Committee, & also sent copies of it to the Am. Bible ~~Soc.~~ & Tract Societies at New York. Our Com. voted you two hundred dollars & the Bib. Soc. have remitted $500 – to us for you. For these sums you are authorised to draw on our missionary at Singapore, the Rev. Ira Tracy. The Tract Soc. will, no doubt, authorise Mr. Bridgman or Mr. Tracy to send you some hundreds of dollars more. You must have the means of completing your fount as soon as possible, & Mr Bridgman

& his aſsociates will have discretionary power to furnish you additional aid if neceſsary. When the punches are done, we shall make a considerable purchase of your type. The printing of books for China ought not to be hindered a day merely by the want of the neceſsary instruments.

I see it stated in a late number of the Asiatic Journal, that Mr. Legrand, a type founder in Paris, has finished 2,000 steel punches of the Chinese characters, under direction of Mr. Pauthier. There is also a notice of your labors in this department. This need not have any other influence upon you, than to encourage you in your work. The presumption is, that your characters are better suited to the Chinese taste, than Mr. Legrand's but of this I am no judge, though there are specimens given in the Journal

R. Anderson

Boston July 11. 1835

Rev. John Philip D.D.
Cape Town

Rev & Dear Sir,

The ship Rosabella touches at Cape Town on her way to Singapore, & takes a small parcel for you.

As I wrote you by the Sachem on the 3d ulto, I have nothing in particular to say now, except to introduce ~~to you~~ the miſsionaries on board the Rosabella to your Christian acquaintance & fellowship. These are the Rev. James T. Dickinson, who left a very eligible pastoral situation in Ct. to go on a miſsion to China; the Rev. Mr. Arms & wife, destined to the Indian Archipelago; & Mr. North, a printer, & wife, to be connected with the printing establishment at Singapore. Mr. Arms is one of the two miſsionaries who visited Patigonia about two years since. Mr. North is acquainted with, ~~cutting types & casting~~ the art.

of type cutting & casting, & to some extent with stereotyping, & takes out the materials for manufacturing types & plates.

These brethren will spend a few days at Cape Town, & are desirous of forming your acquaintance. Any attentions you may be able to render them, consistently with your public duties will be very thankfully received.

Our parcels & letters for our brethren of the S.E. African mission, we send to Mr. Rutherford's care.

I send you two books pro & con on the colonization subject. I have read neither, but presume both are deemed conclusive by their respective partizans.

R. Anderson

P.S. to Mr Tracy's letter page 372.-

The Com. in consequence of your recommendation under date of Aug 5. 1834 have passed the following resolution, viz:

"Resolved, That in case land has been purchased at Singapore in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Com. on the 25th of June 1834, & there is room upon it for the convenient erection of a dwelling-house of the description recommended by the Rev Ira Tracy in his letter dated Aug. 5th 1834, the mission at that place be authorised to ~~act~~ erect a house upon said land, at an expense not exceeding twelve hundred dollars."

If this is erected, take good care that the expense do not exceed your estimate

R. A.

Boston July 13. 1835

Messrs Grout, Champion, & Adams.
South Africa.

Dear Brethren

I wrote you by the Sachem on the 3d ~~inst~~ ulto, & have nothing further to communicate at present. But as the Rosabella is to touch at

Cape Town, you will be refreshed by communion with the brethren Dickinson, Arms & North, who proceed in her to Singapore. Your wives also will be glad to see the faces of some of their country women. But you may be far away. Wherever you go whether to the Interior or Maritime tribes, you have our best wishes & prayers for your prosperity & usefulness. Send us a full journal of your sojournings & travels & tell us how we can best supply all your wants.

R. A.

Boston July 13. 1835

Rev. Messrs Lindley, Wilson, & Venable
Interior S. E. Africa,

Dear Brethren,

I wrote you by the Sachem on the 3rd ulto. As the Rosabella is to touch at Cape Town, I must send you a few lines more, to accompany the parcels, letters from friends, &c which she takes out for you.

We follow you in imagination on your long & wearisome & yet interesting journey into the interior. By this time, in case the Lord has been pleased to favor you, you are probably drawing near the fields of your future labors. We are too distant to know; but the King of Zion is as near you as he ever was, & going as you do in obedience to his command, he will never leave nor forsake you.

We shall expect a journal of your travels in the great & terrible wilderness. With God's blessing, it will do much to increase the interest already felt in your mission. Let us know all your wants, & how we can best supply them. There is nothing special to communicate which you will not find in your papers

R. A.

Boston July 13. 1835

Rev. Walter H. Medhurst
Batavia

Dear Sir,

This will introduce to your Christian acquaintance & confidence the Rev. James T. Dickinson, a missionary of our Board the Chinese; the Rev. Wm Arms & wife, whose probable place of destination is Padang on Sumatra; & Mr. Alfred North ~~H~~ & wife to be connected with the printing establishment at Singapore.

It is expedient that the ship Rosabella, in which they are about to embark, will proceed to Batavia, in which case we commend these brethren & sisters to your kind counsels & assistance.

They will deliver you another letter from me & parcels containing books, &c.

Any attention you may be able to render them will be gratefully received by them & thankfully acknowledged by yours very respectfully & truly

R. A.

Boston July 13. 1835

Rev John Philip D.D.
Cape Town Africa.

Rev. & Dear Sir,

This will introduce to your Christian acquaintance the Rev James T. Dickinson a missionary to the Chinese; the Rev. Wm Arms & wife, whose probable place of destination is Sumatra; & Mr. Alfred North & wife, who are to be connected with the printing establishment at Singapore. These brethren & sisters are connected with our Board of Missions, & are bound to Singapore in the Ship Rosabella, which touches at Cape Town on her way out

Any kindness you may have in your power

to show them, will be gratefully recd. by them, & only acknowledged by

Yours &c

R. Anderson.

Boston July 13. 1835

H. E. Rutherford Esqr.
Cape Town

Dear Sir,

This will introduce to your Christian acquaintance & kindness the Rev. James T. Dickinson, the Rev. William Arms & wife, & Mr. Alford North & wife missionaries of our Board, bound to Singapore in the ship Rosabella which touches at Cape Town on her way out.

Any attention you may find it convenient to show them, will be gratefully recieved by them, & only acknowledged by

Yours &c R. A.

Boston Aug. 12. 1835

Rev. B. C. Meigs
Ceylon

My Dear Brother,

As a good opportunity is presented for sending directly to Ceylon, & brother Anderson is very busily employed in preparing for our next annual meeting, he has requested me to write you a few lines. I expect to stay in the Rooms rendering bros. Anderson & Greene what assistance I can, till the next meeting of our Board, & then I shall return to my field of labors in the valley of the Mississippi.

Rev. J. M. S. Perry, late pastor of a church in Mendon, Mass, & Rev. J. J. Lawrence of New York embarked with their wives, in the ship Shepherdess on the 16th of May last. They will land at Colombo. Rev. H. Ballantine & Mr Webster a printer; with their wives are in the same ship on their way to Bombay.

Rev. M Winslow & R O Dwight are expected to embark, with their wives, for Madras about the 1st of Nov. Their location is wholly left with your mission. So it will be with all the missionaries sent to Ceylon. Mr Anderson is anxiously looking for your reply to the circular sent your mission a long while since.

An answer has been recieved from the Sandwich Islands containing 350 pages. It gives much very valuable information. The time & labor it required were well expended. You too must ask, if you will recieve. The supply of men & money furnished by our churches will probably always be very much in proportion to the real, important urgent demands that can be made out by our missionaries. I speak confidently with regard to funds. The churches in America will furnish all the money that they are made to see is ~~necessary~~ really needed in an economical, vigorous prosecution of the missionary work. The money must be really needed & our missionaries & agents must make the Christian community clearly see that it is. The same to a great extent, is true with regard to men. The number of missionaries to other laborers will be increased very much in proportion to the apparent real demand. The greater you can plainly make this demand, the greater will be the number of those ~~proposing to go on missions~~ for the ministry who will decide in favor of a foreign field, & the more earnestly will Christians pray, that their children & neighboring youth may be ~~converted~~

to God & prepared for his service. There is a responsibility resting upon those whom appropriately belongs the work of imparting the requisite information, that I fear few of us have realized.

From the Reports of the F. M. Soc. of the V. of the Miss- which I herewith send you, the increasing liberality of Christians at the West will be easily perceived. Give that community the necessary information with time for it to produce its legitimate effects, & it will be difficult to fix the amount of money & the numbers of men that will then be cheerfully furnished to hasten the conversion of the world.

Dear brother make your appeals to the Com. & to the $ community as strong & pointed as the truth will allow. I believe this is an important part of miss. work. At least we agents ~~want~~ need such appeals to warm our hearts & fire our zeal while pleading in behalf of a dying world.

Cannot your mission furnish me some heathen gods, relics of heathenism & natural curiosities, that shall inable me to supply societies of Inquiry in our Western Colleges & Seminaries, & thus awaken among those preparing for the ministry a new interest for missions, & give me an opportunity to secure an influence among them, that I can use to good advantage? The more I can aid them in replenishing their libraries & museums the greater will be my influence among them.

If you can occasionally write me a letter suitable to publish in our Western papers, it would do much to interest our Churches. Any thing published origionally at the West, is read with more interest than it would be if copied from an eastern paper.

During the 11 months ending July last over

$163.000 were paid into our Board. This ~~was~~ is more than $11.000 above what was paid in during the 12 months before.

Two bundles will be sent in a vessel from Salem to your address care of Rev. Benj. Clough or Rev John McKinney Methodist missionaries, at Colombo, & also a parcel of letters for the mission.

The wife for a missionary for Mrs. Perry is from Mrs. Bullard. Artemas Bullard

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Boston Aug. 12. 1835

Rev. Henry Ballantine }
Bombay }

My Dear Brother,

We have received a short notice of the private sailing of a vessel bound to Ceylon & Bombay. I am in the midst of my preparations for the annual meeting, which comes a month earlier than heretofore, & I really have no time for letter writing. I must just communicate to you, however, what has been to me a very painful event, that Mr. Webster of Albany has been advised by the Com. to ask a dismission from the service of the Board. The reason is, that in his difficulty at Albany he has developed & now evinces a disposition of mind not compatible with his being safely connected with a missionary community. The case is very clear, though none the less painful on that account. Such a result is as unexpected to us, as it was to you. Let us remember him in our prayers that God would sanctify this ~~dispensation~~ disappointment to him & all his friends, & overrule it in some way for the good of the holy cause of missions.

My health, through divine mercy is now very good. It was a sore trial to be absent when the Shepherdess sailed. I trust you were all favored with the divine presence, both then & during all the voyage, & that you & Mr Webster & your wives find an open door of usefulness into the great field to which divine providence has been pleased to call you.

Mr Bullard has kindly written a letter to the mission on matters of business. Whether I shall get time to write a few lines I do not know. I shall endeavor to do so.

R. Anderson

Boston Aug 12. 1835.

Rev. Cyrus Stone
Bombay

My Dear Brother,

Herewith you will receive one bundle sent in a vessel from Salem now about to sail for Bombay. Brother Anderson is too busy in his efforts to prepare for our next annual meeting, to write much now. I shall remain in the Rooms, rendering such assistance as I shall be able to afford till the next meeting of the Board, when I expect to return to my field of labor in the valley of the Mississippi

Rev. Henry Ballantine & wife, & Mr E. A. Webster, Printer, & his wife sailed on the 16th of May in the Ship Shepherdess bound to Columbo & Bombay.

Rev. Mr Webster will not go on a mission. Brother Anderson will give the reasons in a short letter to Mr Ballantine.

The amount paid into our treasury during the 11 months that closed on the last of July was $163.000. This $11.000 above what was recd during the 12 previous months.

I send you the reports of the For. Miss. Soc. of the V. of the Miss, from which you will be able to form an idea of the spirit of missions in the West.

The wife for a missionary you may put into your library or dispose of it as you think best.

Can't you furnish me a quantity of heathen gods & things used in heathen worship, & natural curiosities with which I can supply our missionary museum at Cincinnati & the societies of Inquiry connected with Western Colleges & Thl. Seminaries? Any thing of this kind will greatly assist me in my efforts to disseminate missionary intelligence & awaken missionary zeal in the colleges & churches of the West. The more curiosities I can furnish of kind the greater will be the influence I can exert in these institutions. You would render me essential service by sending me occasionally a letter suitable to publish in a Western paper. An article originally published at the West exerts a much greater influence than one copied from an Eastern paper. Please request Mr. Ballantine to lend me a helping hand in this respect. The Ohio churches will ~~read~~ read his communications with peculiar interest.

I wish it might be distinctly understood by all our missionaries, that the churches at home will furnish money & men very much in proportion to the exigency of the demand clearly & forcibly made out by the men on heathen ground. There is money enough in the church to meet all the demands requisite for our economical but vigorous prosecution of the missionary work. And Christians will give & love to give in proportion to the distinctness & frequency with which they are brought to see this demand. So with regard to the supply of men. The number of those preparing for the ministry, who will decide on a missionary life will increase with the number & force of well grounded appeals for help, that come from the lands of darkness & death. And christians will pray for the conversion of our youth & labor more & more abundantly to multiply the numbers of those who shall enter the ministry as they hear the cry for help waxing longer & louder. Oh, that we might soon see the time when christian parents should be united in effort to train ~~up~~ their children to live for the salvation of the world. No class of men can labor more ~~effectually~~ successfully to hasten this time than missionaries & agents of mi. societies. But, dear brother, (for I write to the whole mission) you must make out the appeals to the Com. which shall warm our hearts & fire our zeal while we plead in behalf of a dying world. At least you must furnish the data from which we can make out our own appeals. Hall's dying appeal to the American churches was worth the effort of a life time. Its influence will, not only save many in heathen lands, but multitudes in America will be brought by it, to taste the love of Christ & enlist in efforts to persuade others to come. I am always delighted when I see an appeal from our dear missionary brethren, in which they beg for the prayers of their christian friends in the United States. I know you need the prayers of the chhs. & that it is an essential benefit to the cause of vital godliness here to have the chhs frequently called upon to pray & effectually to pray for a dying world. We greatly need to be often reminded that all our efforts for the heathen will be of no avail without prayer & the consequent blessing of our Heavenly Father.

May the Lord, dear brother, give you fresh faith & zeal in the noble glorious work before you. When you approach his throne open your mouths wide & they shall be filled. He hath spoken it, & he will not disannul it.

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P.S. Br. Anderson is waiting for a full answer to the circular. Has recieved ~~of~~ more than 300 pages from the Sand. Isls. This labor well bestowed. The more they ask the more they will recieve.

Boston Aug. 13. 1835.

Rev. Benj Clough or
Rev. John Kenney
Colombo Ceylon

Dear Brethren,

A vessel from Salem is to touch at Colombo on her way to Bombay, & we are very anxious to send two parcels, (containing pamphlets &c for our brethren in Jaffna & at Madura. These parcels, however, are addressed to Jaffna. I see no way to secure their safe trans~~actio~~mission, but to trouble you with the care of them.

I send also three small parcels containing letters for the mail. If those in the parcels must go by mail, they had better be sent separately; i.e without the envelop.

Any expense you may incur will be refunded very cheerfully & thankfully by our brethren in Jaffna.

Excuse the trouble I find it necessary to give you, & believe me very respectfully & truly yours

R. A

Boston Aug. 13. 1835

Dear brethren of the Mahratta Mission

I can write you but a few lines as I am exceedingly occupied just now with preparations for our approaching anniversary, & the letters must go today.

It was not the intention of our Com. by the vote they passed in relation to translations of the scriptures, to retard the expenditure of the funds granted by the Am. Bib. Soc. but to secure if possible, a good understanding & cooperation with the Bombay Bib. Soc. The Com. are decidedly of opinion that you should not wait for a revision of the N. T; if the consequence will be that those grants will remain long on hand. It is important to coöperate with the Bombay Bib. Soc. but it is far more important to secure the confidence of & efficient aid of the Am. Bib. Soc.

Another thing. In my investigations for the Annual Report, I am struck with the small amount of your Mahratta printing the two last years. Only about 12 or 13 hundred thousand pages! Better stop the English printing altogether, than have the quantity so small. I am aware, indeed, that you have not reported to us quite all your Mahratta printing, but this is the amount reported. — I wrote you on this subject May 9th.

For the rest I must refer you to brother Bullard's letter, which he has kindly promised to write for me. I must add, however, that I have recieved only three answers to the circular, which Brother Read was commissioned to write. I regard the information requested in that circular, as of the greatest importance as to the increase of our numbers. How much I wish we had it for our approaching meeting. We are anxious to send you a reinforcement strong in numbers, as well as faith. I hope to write you at considerable length soon after our meeting

R. Anderson

Boston Aug. 24. 1835

Rev. William Brown M.D.
Edinburgh Scotland }

Rev. & Dear Sir,

A parcel containing copies of the annual Report & Missionary Herald, which you requested, has been forwarded to you by way of our agent at New York. I know not whether he will send it direct to you, or by way of London, most probably the latter; in which case it goes to our agent Peter Jackson, Esqr. (House of Fisher, Son & Jackson, Newgate Street London)

I am very happy to learn you contemplate publishing a new edition of your Missionary History. The best account of the origin of For. Missions in this country, is found in Choules American 4 to edition of Jones' History of Missions. Some of the facts there, I took myself from the Records of the society formed by Samuel J. Mills under the hay-stack in the fields of Williamstown, where he & some others used to meet for prayer. The records were originally in cypher.

We have been much afflicted last year by the frequent deaths of missionaries, & also by the loss of a beloved assistant in office. Otherwise we are greatly prospered. I speak comparatively. We are greatly embarrassed, for want of more missionaries. The harvest is distressingly plenteous, considering how few the laborers are. Pray the Lord of the harvest, Dear Sir, & call upon all Scotland to leave contending about matters purely ecclesiastical, & pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. What is the matter, dear Sir, with the church of Christ, that it kindles so easily upon questions of order, & feels so little ~~upon~~ for the ~~souls~~ millions upon millions of perishing souls for whom Christ died? We exceedingly need fifty ordained missionaries to send forth ~~this~~ fall to our several missions, & two thirds as many laymen in addition to send forth with them as physicians, teachers &c. So far as the means of supporting them are concerned, there would be no sort of risk in sending them, if they were good men for the service. In respect to money, our churches will respond to any reasonable call. The difficulty is in procuring the men.

R. A.

Boston Aug. 24. 1835

Peter Jackson Esqr.
Newgate Street London

Dear Sir,

Please transmit ~~to me~~, ~~as soon as possible~~, the following works as soon as possible to me, as Librarian of the Third Social Library of Boston. We do not know what they will cost, but will remit the cost of them as we know what it is. You will greatly oblige us by sending the books with the least possible delay. I have been delaying this order as long as I could with any propriety that I might make out another for the Library of the Board, but I see no prospect of finding time to make out that order till after our annual meeting in Sep.

Books to be sent to Rev. R. Anderson. Librarian of Third Social Library of Boston, 28 Cornhill Boston U.S.

1. Sketches of Corfu, Historical, Domestic, etc. 8. vo.
2. Travels in Ava, By John Crawford Esqr, late Envoy. 2 vol.
3. On the connection of the Physical Sciences. By Mary Somerville 8. vo
4. On the Deaths of Eminent Persons of Modern Times. By Sir Henry Halford. Baronet, M.D., Presdt of Roy. Soc. of Phys. 8. vo.
5. Journal of Royal Geographical Society. All after part 1st of Vol 3. (we have the rest)
6. Sketches of a Journey through Arabia Petraea & Mt. Sinai & the excavated city of Petraea — the Edom of the Scriptures. Translated from the French of M. Le Laborde. 1 vol. 12 mo. with illustrations.
7. Popular account of the Mode of Living among the Greeks, Social, Religious & Civil. From the German of Dr Henry.
8. Mrs. Starkes Dictionary to Travellers on the Continent of Europe, 8 ~~mo~~ vo. eighth (or last) edition.
9. Dr. James Clarke's Medical Advice for Invalids, on Climate. 8 vo.
10. Outline of the Government, Laws & Policy of China, & of British & Foreign Embassies to & intercourse with that Empire. By Peter Auber, Secretary to the Honorable Court of Directors of the East India Company (8. vo
11. Carne's Letters from Switzerland & Italy. 8. vo.
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R. A.

Boston Aug. 31st 1835

Rev. Jonas King
Athens. Greece

My dear Brother;

I have to set off for our Annual Meeting on Friday, and can write you but a few lines. The Greeks have arrived, and though we regretted to see them, and scarcely know what can be done to carry them through their education, yet I presume they will, in some way get along. The ~~two~~ first named have gone to Mendham, N.J., Mr Fairchild having taken them for at least six months free cost. The other two are now with Dr Park of Stoughton, Mass^tts, where they will remain during three months at the expense of the Board. We have also clothed them all after the English manner, and they looked very well in their new dress. It will not do to send the Priest. As an individual I shall do what I can for these young men, in whom I feel deep interest, but it is doubtful whether the Committee can recede from their decision to educate no more foreign youth in this country. I am glad to learn from your last letter that you had not received mine on the subject till these young men were on their way. I am glad, also, that they are Albanians, & not Sciotes.

I can add no more just now.

R.A.

Boston Aug. 31. 1835

Rev. Daniel Temple, }
Smyrna. }

Dear Brother,

Friday I must set off for the meeting of the Board. I have only time to say that Mr Hallock has arrived, and we are glad to see him. I am glad also to hear such good accounts as he brings us.

Please inform me as soon as possible whether the brethren at Constantinople have taken, or mean to take any decisive steps to get Hebrew type. If not, had not Mr Hallock better return by way of Leipsic, and get type there? Write me, after corresponding with the brethren at Consple, across the country, if there be no vessel. I wrote to them some time ago on the subject. Mr Hallock is authorized to cut two founts of Armenian, and cast about twenty hundred weight.

R.A.

Boston Aug. 31. 1835

Dear Brethren Grout,
Champion & Adams.
Cape Town, S. Africa

I confess I like the firmness of purpose with which you cleave to yr original destination, though at this distance I scarcely know what to advise. I trust the good Lord has opened to you a way towards Dingaans country. It seems to me a most important field, if we can only once get a footing in it. However, if you have thought it yr duty to go to the other nation, we shall not blame you; but do not give up Dingaan without the best reasons.

I have no time to write just now, Friday being the day for us to set out for our annual meeting, which comes a month earlier than usual. I have received yr letters by the Levant. We send letters and parcels by her.

R. A.

Boston Aug. 31. 1835

Mr Levi Chamberlain
Honolulu, Sandwich Islands

Dear Brethren;

We send you a large number of pamphlets, letters &c. by the Don Quixote, which will sail, no doubt, before we return from the meeting of the Board. When you are told that the Lord has been pleased to make another breach upon us, in the death of Dr Wisner, and that our annual meeting comes a month earlier than usual, you will see why I have no time to write you now. I hope to write you at great length after my return from Baltimore, having many things to say. Your numerous communications, and above all yr answer to the circular, have all been interesting. Certainly the communications from the Islands, taking them together, have never been of so high a character, as the past year. Your answer to the circular will not be in vain. See Septr Herald. I fear there is no prospect of getting a re-inforcement this fall.

I can add no more now. The news you will get from the Herald & from papers &c.

R. A.

Boston Sept 16 1835

Dr Brethn of the Sandwich
Islands Mission }

I returned today from the meeting of our Board at Baltimore, and rejoice to find the Genl Glover not yet sailed. My writing you before our annual meeting, (except a few lines) was out of the question. I was compelled to trust to the probability of another opportunity. The brig is said to have cleared today, and is expected to sail tomorrow. Should Providence be pleased to detain her longer, I shall write you at considerable length, and shall also write to at least some of the brethren individually.

The following communications are to be acknowledged, viz;

Answer to the Circular; — a noble document, worth all the time and labor bestowed upon it.

Minutes of General Meeting in June & July 1834.

General Letter, dated July 15, 1834.

Letters from Messrs Thurston & Bishop, dated May 22, & Novr 5, 1834.

Letter from Messrs Richards & Spaulding, dated Decr 15, 1834.

Report on Mr Goodrich's case, dated Aug. 30, 1834.

From Messrs Andrews & Clark dated Oct 4. & Nov. 12. 1834

Duplicate of letter from Hilo, dated March 28. 1834

From Messrs Lyman and Goodrich, April 22. 1835

Joint letters of brethren of Washn Islds mission, of April 10 & June 4. 1834

Map of Nukuhiva

From Mr Bingham dated Jany 6, 1835
" Introduction of Capt Stetson.
" account of Mr Shepard.

From Mr Whitney dated Octr 4. 1834.

From Mr Richards dated Sept^{r} 4, October 15, Dec. 10, 25 1834 and
Feb. 17, 1835, and May 23, 1835.
From Mr Goodrich dated Dec. 8, 1834.
From Mr Chamberlain dated Aug. 26, Oct^{r} 9, and May 18, 1834.
From Mr Green dated Aug. 28 & Nov^{r} 25, 1834.
From Mr Andrews, account of the High School dated Oct^{r} 1. 1834.
" Letter, Dec^{r} 21, 1834.
From Mr Gulick dated Oct 22, Oct. 31, & Dec^{r} 26, 1834.
From Mr Emerson, dated Dec^{r} 23, 1834. Aug 21.
From Mr Spaulding on Tobacco.
From Mr Smith Nov. 1. 1834.
From Mr Lyons Aug & Sept^{r} 1834 & Sept^{r} 6.
From Mr Parker Aug. 29, 1834.
From Mr Hitchcock Sept^{r} 1834.
From Dr Chapin Sept^{r} 24. 1834
From Mr Clark Nov^{r} 18. 1834.
From Mr Dibble Oct. 31. 1834.
From Mr Tinker Aug. 29. Oct. 15, Dec. 12, 1834.
From Mr Armstrong, Journal at Nukuhiva.
From Mr Alexander, July 11, Aug. 28, 1834 & Journal at Nukuhiva
From Mr Baldwin, Nov. 3^{d} 1834
From Mr Lyman Aug. 25.
From Mr Johnstone, Report concerning Oahu charity School.
From Mr Forbes Nov. 8, 1834 & Journal.
From Mr Rogers Aug. 29, 1834. & Feb 12. 1835
From Mr Coan March 12, 19, 26, 1835, one letter.

I cannot help remarking, that we have been exceedingly gratified with the nature of your correspondence the past year. While it has been copious which we always desire, and full in the expression of opinions, those opinions have been substantially harmonious, and have evidently been, for the most part, the result of experience, and of much reflection. I have already spoken of the Answer to the Circular—a document, including Mr Richards account of Lanai, of more than 360 pages. Blessed be the Lord who inclined you to bestow so much labor upon it. You could have done nothing else so effectual to secure the vigorous cooperation of our Committee. Mr Andrews account of the rise of the High School will also awaken an interest in that infant institution. We shall insert it in the appendix to our Report.

You were right in supposing that the Committee wished you to make your estimate of missionaries needed for the Sandwich Islands, without any reference to the claims of other parts of the heathen world. That comparison was to be made at the Rooms. And could we have obtained from all the missions of the Board such answers as you sent us, we designed to have published a general statement of the claims of the fields we have undertaken to evangelize upon the young men of our churches, which would doubtless have been blessed. We shall no doubt make such a statement, but it will be crippled by the imperfection of our returns. The Committee will endeavor to send out the number of preachers and schoolmasters you have requested. Your document, however, was received too late for a re-inforcement this fall. We have not the men. Alas! what shall we do for men? We greatly need as many as fifty ordained missionaries, to say nothing of schoolmasters, to send forth to various fields, this very autumn, and we have not more than five or six. However, the most effectual way to obtain the men, next to prayer to the Lord of the Harvest, is to show them that the Lord hath need of them. In this point of view, we have very gladly published your call for men in the Herald, and shall do it more fully in the Report; and hope and pray that we may be enabled to send the full number you have requested. Of schoolmasters, at any rate, you may expect a considerable number in ships leaving here next summer and Autumn. I wish they were all ready to go now, it is so obviously desirable to relieve you in a degree from the instruction and superintendence of schools. As it is, you cannot do better than to continue to devote a part of your time to the rearing up of another and more intelligent race of native schoolmasters. While we strive for the conversion of individuals to God, our grand aim should be, in humble dependence on the Spirit of grace, *to fill the nation* with the knowledge and transforming influence of the gospel, in the shortest possible time. And to think of doing this without schools, would be as shortsighted and foolish, as it would be to abolish all the schools in our own land, and rely wholly on the pulpit. For resolutions of the Committee making grants to you for the erection of buildings at Lahainaluna, and schoolhouses at your several stations and for the wages of native masters, I refer you to the enclosed extracts from their records.

Our thoughts, as well as yours, are much directed to the character of the youth at the Sandwich Islands, for *they*, and not their fathers will give character to the islands twelve years hence. I have thought whether the desolations which have come over the Society Islands, were not in part owing to a too great neglect of the youth; but I have not sufficient knowledge of the facts to judge. The subject will of course receive much attention. The members of your High School are, I believe, all adults. Is it not desirable, and will it not be possible, at some future time, to supply their places, by introducing classes of youth into the Seminary, as boarding scholars? If so, will it not be well to commence preparatory measures immediately? I believe I have made this suggestion before, and I repeat it merely as a suggestion.

The addition made to the number of yr stations at yr general meeting in 1834, appears to the Committee to have been very judicious. It involved, indeed, no small amount of self-denial in those who resolved, for Christ's sake, to dwell alone; but your present plan is the only one on which we could hope to persuade the churches to supply all the districts of the Sandwich Islands with preachers of the gospel. The effect of your thus spreading yourselves out, will be good on the churches at home, and I trust you will see no cause to regret it. The expense of making permanent provision for the abode of two ordained missionaries at one station, is a fact which I perceive you took into consideration. Some of you will by and bye, have the society of a schoolmaster and his family.

The opinion of the Committee has been requested by some one, as to the expediency of yr meeting *annually*. A great number of facts are necessary to determine this question, and the Committee have but a partial acquaintance with them. So far as the results of these meetings are known, they amply repay all the time and money these meetings have cost. We are all *men*, even in our best estate, and our plans should be made in reference to the wants and weaknesses of human nature. The Committee are more and more persuaded that union, which is essential to the strength of a mission, cannot be ensured to the members without personal acquaintance and fellowship, and that missionaries who are to act together in one organized mission, ought, if possible, to meet together as often as once a year. Besides we go upon the plan of referring much to the discretion of the mission, as such, and these subjects require the attention of the mission as often as once every twelve months. At a future time, when it becomes manifestly inexpedient for the members generally to come together at once, you might adopt the practice of delegating a certain number of the brethren to go from each of the islands.

Copies of "*Ke Kumu Hawaii*." & "*Lama Hawaii*" which I took with me to Baltimore, and distributed among members of the Board, excited no little interest. I pray you send us more copies if you have them to spare, and inform us of the success of the experiment. I regret that we cannot now send you engravings on Natural history. Should a vessel leave a few weeks hence, we may perhaps be able to send them, and also a quantity of apparatus for your schools. The greater part of what you have sent for, however, goes in the Don Quixote and Genl Glover. Even the type, although you needed nearly a ton in weight and a great variety of kinds, will I trust, all be found on board these vessels; if not, you must attribute the deficiency to an utter impossibility, as Mr Chapman believed, in procuring them seasonably. They have been ordered, and will reach you ere long. Enough has been sent to render the printing establishment complete, not only for printing in Hawaiian but in Greek & Hebrew, and henceforward we number it among our printing establishments

The resolutions on the subject of preaching to the seamen at Lahaina, are enclosed. They have been forwarded also to the Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf, Secretary of the Seamen's Friend Society. It was suggested to him that perhaps *they* might be able to send out another man to Lahaina, and that in the months in which he could not have employment among the seamen, the mission, with the sanction of our Committee might furnish him with employment at the expense of the Board. His name would then stand as a chaplain of that Society, and if he were the right kind of man, I suppose you could easily furnish him with employment for six months in the year. On this subject please express your opinion when you next write.

We sympathize with you, dear brethren, in the afflictions which have befallen you the last year. In that year death had large commissions to execute in our circle. But all who have died, as we have reason to believe, died in the Lord. The children had been given to him, and who knows from what evils to come they are taken away; and the adults fell in his service. We bless the Lord for what they were enabled to do before they fell; and now we would think of them as resting and rejoicing in the presence of their Lord and ours. Mrs Shepard has arrived in this country, with her three children, and is now with her friends in the interior of New York.

Mr Rogers has expressed a desire to visit this country that he may repair the loss he has suffered. His letter was quite recently received and there is not time for the Committee to act upon the case before the sailing of the Gen^{l} Glover. The case must therefore be referred to the mission. Mr Rogers left this country in the fall of 1831, upon a contract for four years, at the end of which time, if he should think it his duty to return and the reasons should be satisfactory to the Committee, provision was to be made for his return at the expense of the Board. He subsequently became a member of the Mission, and the contract was thus rendered void. The mission will decide in the case, and give Mr Rogers such advice, as, in view of all the circumstances they shall deem most for the good of the cause. I cannot doubt but the Committee will approve of your proceedings.

The enclosed extracts from the Minutes of the late meeting of the Board, will inform you of the proceedings consequent upon the decease of our lamented brother Wisner. Mr Armstrong was, for eight or ten years a pastor in Trenton N.J. He then succeeded Dr John H. Rice in Richmond, Va. where he remained about the same period of time, until he was elected Secretary and General Agent of the Central Board of Missions, and also General Agent of our Board for Virginia and North Carolina. He was elected with entire unanimity. As it is expected he will remain more at the Rooms than Dr Wisner did, (our General Agents being now in all parts of the country) I hope to be less interrupted in the appropriate business of my own department. More time I have greatly needed and desired.

Though afflicted the past year, we have also been greatly prospered. But eleven months intervened between our two annual meetings, yet our receipts were more than eleven thousand dollars greater than those of the preceeding year, and never were the prospects of our missions, on the whole, so inviting. We suffer great embarrasments, however, for the want of more laborers. More piety is needed in the churches. It is astonishing how prone we are to cling to the world.

The proceedings of the mission in the case of Mr Goodrich are approved by the Committee. You are aware that the Committee, in view of the allegations before them, could have done no otherwise, than call the attention of the mission to his case. Nothing has been said about it, to my knowledge, in this country, out of the meetings of the Committee.

Mr Richards has informed us that the church at Lahaina was about to excommunicate the Princess. Poor, infatuated female; how mysterious is her history! Considering the delicacy of your relations to her, we have hardly known what to say about her, and have waited till she was cut off from the church, thinking that then, if ever, was the time to speak of her apostasy, and hoping that you would send us an account which you thought might be published with safety and propriety. So much has been published about her as a convert, that something must be said of her present relations to the church of Christ.

When I began this letter, I had scarcely any expectation of filling three sheets. I have been also obliged to write currente calamo, and to introduce the topics just as they came into my mind. You will kindly excuse my want of method, and also the omission of topics. I shall write to New Bedford, and inquire for another opportunity, as I greatly desire to write to the individual members of the mission. I will not send those letters unsealed, as I once hinted might be convenient; as I find this would not be agreeable to the brethren. It would be strange indeed if some vessel should not sail in October or November, but at present we hear of none going after the General Glover.

Remember us all without ceasing in your prayers. May you be gloriously visited from on High. I am, dear brethren, yours in the bonds of the Gospel,

R. A.

P.S. Give us all the light you can on the subject of grants to the High School, for the Common Schools, &c. Tell us what you actually need, without reference to the claims of other missions. But when you give opinions, give also your reasons. You need not fear any backwardness in our Committee to go forward, when the way is made plain, I mean, the path of duty.

Boston Septr. 18. 1835

Mr E. H. Rogers,
Honolulu, Sandw. Isls. }

My dear brother,

I have received three letters from you dated Aug. 29, 1834, and Feb. 12, 1835. One of the two dated Feb. 12., I received from the hands of yr brother's widow, - he having left us, some months since, I trust for a better and happier world. Thither also, it seems yr partner has been called, suddenly and unexpectedly. How uncertain our hold on earth; how certain our departure hence, to be here no more! May we labor with our might in the service of our Lord while we are allowed to continue here. I trust you have found it good to be afflicted,—good, in a high and holy sense, rendering time sweeter and more precious, and throwing amazing charms over eternity.

I can easily see that you may greatly feel the need of some one to render yr situation comfortable, and the more, from recollections of the past. Mrs Rogers informs me that neither of the persons you have mentioned consents to go to the islands. The other alternative which you propose, viz, your visiting this country for the purpose of obtaining a wife, is referred to the judgment and decision of the mission. There is not an opportunity indeed for the Committee to act upon the case before the sailing of the Genl Glover; but were there time, I am persuaded they would not act definitively upon it. The mission will have all the facts before them at their next general meeting, and the Committee will acquiesce in their decision. I do not recollect any instance where a missionary has come home professedly and solely for that purpose; and there certainly are friends of the cause who would doubt the expediency and propriety of taking nearly two years out of a short life for such an object solely. We, however, give no opinion, but leave the case entirely to the judgment of the mission; nor can you and we, in present circumstances, better learn the will of God than by such a reference. What good would it do to come home without the divine blessing? and that can be ensured only by going according to the divine will.

I do not see how they will get along with two printing establishments without you. That you should take into the account.

I write you in great haste. The Lord guide and bless you and make all things work for yr good.

If Mr Chapman can get anything more on board, the mould &c will be sent.

R. A.

Boston Sept 18. 1835

Rev. Reuben Tinker
Honolulu, Sandw Isls

My dear brother,

The Genl Glover remains till tomorrow, giving me an opportunity to write a few letters. I have received three letters from you dated Aug. 29. Oct 15, and Dec. 12, 1834.

The copies of your paper which were distributed among the members of the Board at our late annual meeting, excited a good deal of deserved interest. The paper is very neatly printed, and can scarcely fail to do much good. Every practicable method is to be tried to awaken the dormant curiosity of the islanders, and this is one of the most promising. If your paper is too large you can reduce it to half the number of pages; you can issue it oftener or less frequently; you can modify it in various ways as experience may require. The death of brother Wisner made a great encroachment upon my time, or I should have secured a variety of cuts for you before this time. I hope to find another vessel going to the islands in the course of the autumn. Next year, should Providence smile upon us, we shall endeavor to send you large accessions to yr strength, in men and means.

I have not yet been able to find any copies of yr address. They all appear to have gone on their appropriate mission. Young men are so averse to going abroad, that we avail ourselves of every good appeal on that subject. I believe yr address was reprinted at the suggestion of brethren in the Andover Seminary. What if you were to send us a revised copy?

You are right in supposing that we desired an estimate of missionaries needed at the islands, without any reference to the claims of other fields. Having the real necessities of each field before us, we could then judge of their comparative claims, and also, show the aggregate demands of the whole upon the churches. The result, as stated in the Circular, commends itself to every man's conscience.

My remark, in the letter of April 11, 1833, that "the churches are running before their missionaries in zeal for the conversion of the world;" was true in my understanding of it. Some other phraseology would have been better. If the brethren now and then find a hasty remark in a letter written in circumstances affording little opportunity for reflection or revision, they must deal kindly with it; and I write always in the confident belief that my communications are received, as they are written, in the exercise of warm fraternal feeling.

Was yr proposed Magazine to be in English or Hawaiian? If in English, the proposal strikes me unfavorably. Our impression is, and it is strengthening into conviction, that the English printing at our missions, (except the Chinese Repository) is a disadvantage to the cause. If in Hawaiian, a newspaper is better than a Magazine. We have learned to depend chiefly on the weekly religious press, on the newspaper on those special occasions, when we would make a strong general impression on the community. However, in a community civilized like our own, there is room for both, and both are needed.

I will assume the responsibility of instructing Mr Chamberlain to allow the expense of the iron pump you bought for your convenience. I should not like, however, to do this often, where Mr Cn hesitates, as our Committee very justly reposes the greatest confidence in his judgment. He is truly an invaluable man; would that we could find such another to be associated with him in the secular cares of the mission.

Do not think that you write us in vain, because so small a part of your communications are published. Your communications are bound up, as are the others, for reference, and yr opinions and statements and reasonings have been of great use to us in giving us just views of the mission. Much less was published about the South Sea Islands, than would have been, if we had been confident of pursuing the mission at the Marquesas.

Remember me in yr prayers without ceasing, and believe me to be &c

R.A.

Boston Sept. 19. 1835.

Rev. Wm Richards }
Lahaina, Maui }

My dear Brother.

I have had the great pleasure to receive the following letters from you since I last wrote you, viz, dated Septr 4th Octr 15th Dec. 10th and Dec. 25th, 1834. and Feb. 17th, and May 28th 1835. The unexpected delay of the Genl Glover gives me an opportunity to answer them, though very briefly.

Yr remarks concerning Mr Goodrich and yr extracts from Mrs Goodrich's letters, were necessary to give us a just view of his character. I believe I read her letter with tears. Our Committee could not do less than they did. and the mission appears to have pursued a judicious course in respect to Mr Goodrich. The brethren too, who wrote to us respecting him, having the views they did, ought certainly to have given us information on the subject, though they may have erred somewhat as to manner. I pray that this trial may be overruled for the good of our brother and sister.

We hear nothing yet from Mr Stewart that bonnet affair, though he is in New York, and we wrote to him about it some time ago. He has certainly been negligent in the con.

Thank you for your reply to my inquiries concerning the religious awakening at Lahaina.

The apostacy of the Princess is a most lamentable affair. Can it be that all her goodness was nothing? Was she an intentional deceiver? Such cases are enough to shake the faith of the weak-minded. Let us not cease praying for her. Who can tell but after all the root of the matter is in her? She is a child of many prayers. It is not as if her mother was not one of God's dear people. I always think there is hope concerning the children of pious parents as long as there is life and intellect. You know not what hold, you as her former pastor, may continue to have over her. Retain all the the hold you can. When she has been excommunicated, send us such an account of the reasons for that solemn act as it may be suitable for us to publish.

In your request for a single female to reside in yr family as the instructor of yr children, you did not anticipate, at least you did not mention, the main difficulty. It proposes a new feature in our system of missionary operations – the sending out of teachers for the children of single families. Can we get teachers for such an object? Will our patrons allow us to send out many such? What is done for one missionary must be done for others in similar circumstances, if they ask it. In short, if the Committee were to send out a female for the sole purpose of teaching and taking ~~thee~~ charge of yr children, it would be impossible to see where this would end, or what would be the consequences. There would certainly be very great complaint in the churches.

However, it is certain that yr children ought to receive instruction, and that yr time and that of Mrs Richards ought to be saved as much as possible for missionary labors. It is desirable, if possible, that the children of missionaries have instructors, besides their parents. The Committee therefore adopted the following resolution; viz.

"Resolved, That the Committee, by leave of Providence, will send an unmarried female to Lahaina, as an assistant missionary, with a view to her employing her time, under the direction of the mission, chiefly in the instruction of the children of missionaries residing on the island of Maui."

This is coming as near to yr request as we can come, and I have no doubt that, on further reflection, you will think as we do on the subject. We have been in correspondence with Miss Grant, and she has seen yr letter and also the above resolution. An individual has been named, but we have not heard yet whether she will be willing to go.

As I fear I may not have time to write Mr Andrews, please say to him, that we have his request for a mechanic in mind, and shall do what we can to meet his views on that subject. We should much prefer to have pious mechanics go out on their own responsibility, and be hired by the mission; and perhaps some may be induced to go with wives.

Yr account of the island of Lanai, we shall probably bind up with the answer to the circular, as it appears to belong to that document.

Yr last letter was received just as I was setting off for Baltimore; this is the reason why a memorandum of the Books &c which you request was not handed over to Mr Chapman; and on my return I find the vessel full, so that nothing more can be put on board, except in the cabin. They must wait for the next vessel; for which I am sorry.

Through divine mercy my health is now perfectly good, and my wife, and our four children are well. May the Lord grant you his smiles continually on you and yours.

R. A.

Missionary Rooms, Boston. Sept. 19. 1835

Miss Maria C. Ogden,
Lahaina

My dear Madam,

I find on looking over my letter-book, that I did not write you the last year, but I hope you will excuse the inadvertence, for such it was. We have repeatedly heard of your useful labors, and referred to them in the Report for 1834. We have never doubted but your going among the heathen was wise, & should be glad if circumstances would favor our having a greater number of unmarried females among the heathen. My principal object in sending you these lines—for I have not time to enlarge, is, to request you to write me freely concerning your school, & whatever you wish to communicate. Write very freely: tell me how you are situated, what your views & feelings are, & indeed whatever you think may be useful for us to know. The Lord be with you & bless you out of Zion. In great haste, but most truly yours

R. A.

Boston Sept. 19. 1835

American Missionaries at Singapore.

Dear Brethren,

Returning from the meeting of our

Board at Baltimore, on Wednesday, I found a vessel on the point of sailing for the Sandwich Islands. It was probably the only opportunity for the season to send letters to the brethren there. I have written all I could; and now it is Saturday afternoon, and I am told that the Louvre sails for Calcutta and Singapore, without fail, wind and weather permitting, on Monday forenoon! I will write what I can today and Monday morning to you and the brethren in Siam.

The only communications from Singapore that have not been acknowledged, were received on the 14th inst by the Cashmere. They are the following; viz, from Mr Tracy, — Invoice of the Printing establishment, and letters dated April 7th & 18th; — from Mr Parker, dated Feby 19th March 21st and April 19th, 1835. and his journal from Octr 28th 1834, to the last of March. The journal I have not yet been able to read, the letters I have carefully perused. The medicines, instruments &c, cannot be procured in season to send by the Louvre, unless she is unexpectedly detained. The "wants from America" stated in Mr Parker's letter of Feby 19th, I shall bring before the Committee at an early day, together with a number of plans and suggestions in Mr Tracy's letters received before the meeting of the Board.

What a marvellous, almost miraculous escape our brethren Jones and Dean had from the murderous pirates! I could hardly think of the loss of the letters and journals, when I regarded them as the price of two valuable lives. You must do what you can to repair the loss; for, though such documents are rarely to be mentioned in comparison with life, they may have a value above rubies. Endeavor also to prevent our brethren at Bankok from suffering inconvenience from this disaster. If you know their wants and can supply any of them from Singapore, do so without fail; I trust Dr Bradley is among them by this time.

I will now copy a number of Resolutions from our Records for your information: some of them have already been forwarded.

"May 19. 1834, A letter from the Rev. Samuel Dyer, of Penang, having been read to the Committee, it was

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be granted to

Mr Dyer to assist him in the cutting of steel punches, with a view to the casting of metal types in the Chinese language."

July 10. "Resolved — That in case land has been purchased at Singapore in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Committee on the 25th of June 1834, and there is room upon it for the convenient erection of a dwelling house of the description recommended by the Rev. Ira Tracy in his letter dated Aug. 5th 1834, the mission at that place be authorized to erect a house upon said land at an expense not to exceed twelve hundred dollars."

"Resolved — That the several missions of the Board be requested to transmit to the Committee, as soon as possible, a description of all the real estate owned by the Board in connection with the missions; together with the cost of said property, its present value, and by what tenure, and in whose name it is held" — adopted at same meeting.

I hope this last resolution will receive early attention, and that you will be particular to give the Committee all the information requested. We especially wish to know the tenure of our property in Singapore, as much must depend on that. It may be necessary for you to obtain legal assistance.

I remember that Mr Tracy, in one of his letters received some time since, makes some reference to the sending of Chinese young men to this country for education. It is scarcely probable that such a thing will be found advisable. At all events the following standing resolution of the Committee, passed Aug. 18, should be borne in mind; viz,

"Resolved — That the several missions of the Board be instructed in no case to send young men to this country for education, at the expense of the Board, nor to consign them to the care of the Committee, unless the consent of the Committee shall have first been obtained."

On the whole, we have heard enough concerning Sir Stamford Raffles college building, to convince us that we had better not attempt to gain possession of it. The timbers are said to be decayed, and the expense of repairing and completing the building, to say nothing of its purchase would be great: and no one can say what perplexities it would not involve us in. Besides, it seems probable to me, that Singapore will decline, when China and other parts of that eastern world are fairly open to trade. That may be some time hence, but not so remote but we should take it into account. In this opinion I find Mr King (of the house of Talbot, Olyphant & Co) fully concurs, and he made a suggestion which struck me forcibly, that while we should have a large central station at Singapore, our buildings should all be neat and tasteful, but not expensive, and not large. He suggested the *bungalow form* as that employed by the merchants. I suppose the word *bungalow* is used with considerable latitude in India and the east. To me it at present seems best, if we have an institution at Singapore, as no doubt we must have, that there be no parade of buildings — that our seminary buildings should rather be several detached buildings neatly constructed, but not expensive, and covering a larger space, (if the land can be obtained) rather than that we have one great, overgrown expensive edifice, which shall compel us to cling to Singapore, when we had better go elsewhere. Meanwhile, look about you, and see whether an eligible piece of ground can be obtained, and at what price, and whether a title can be secured. We do not aim to rival the college at Malacca, much less to injure it; but it is necessary that we have a seminary of our own, and we need it soon. Had we such an institution, perhaps we might send out a few young men to study the languages, and in other respects prepare for usefulness. Our beginning, however, must be small, because we yet lack experience: but the Lord of missions may enable us to make rapid progress whenever our foundation is laid. We are looking out for the men qualified to assist you in the great undertakings — but where are they! I never so felt the force of our Saviour's declaration, "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Let us pray the Lord of the harvest, that he will thrust forth laborers, and such laborers as are needed.

You need not fear preparing too many books, nor printing too many, in the languages of the east. I mean so far as we are concerned

Our only fear is and has been that books will not be multiplied fast enough. Don't wait for appropriations from Bible and Tract Societies, but if you can, anyhow, command the money to pay your bills, go on printing such books as you need, and the money will be furnished. The Bible society ~~will~~ are unable to expend all their funds, and the Tract Society long for deeper channels into the heathen world. There should indeed be judgment used in the distribution of the books, lest the heathen learn to think them nothing worth, as they will do, if they think we give them away for any other purpose than to be read, and with any other than strong desires that they should be read. You will need school-books, and no doubt there are books greatly needed to assist missionaries in acquiring the language of these countries.

Mr North will of course relieve Mr Tracy from many of his secular cares.

Mr Parker mentions yr want of a chapel amid the Chinese population; I presume our Committee will authorize you to erect one. 500 But as Mr Parker has mentioned the erection of one by the Papists as one of the reasons for our having one, I would observe that we make it a rule never to attempt to rival the Papists in the size and style of our buildings. We expect them to go beyond us in these things. They do so in the United States; we must get the advantage in other respects. I do not know that there is the least occasion for these remarks. There is not in what Mr Parker says on the subject, except the mere mention of a Catholic Chapel. I will bring the subject before the Committee.

Hereafter, it will be well that your recommendations of measures to be adopted in reference to Singapore, should be made *as a mission*. They will then come before the Committee with their proper weight- not that I would by any means discourage individual suggestions, but when you have any thing of importance to recommend for the action of the Committee, you had better make as grave a matter of it as possible.

For the proceedings of the Board at its late meeting, I refer you to the Boston Recorder of yesterday.

I trust Mr Dickinson, Mr & Mrs Arms, and Mr & Mrs North will have arrived some weeks before this letter.

We expect Mr Hope to embark next Spring. He will belong to the China mission. Mr Robbins of the last class at Andover, may perhaps embark at the same time. He goes to the Archipelago.

And now, dear brethren, I must bid you adieu. I wish I could now write you more deliberately and more at length. I have, litterally, many things to say. Should my life be spared till spring, I shall endeavor to embody our views of yr field in Instructions to Mr Hope.

I fear yr two setts of Dr Morrison's Dictionary, which I ordered sent from London are incomplete. Two odd volumes were sent to the Rooms, I think I shall send them to Singapore at a venture.

May our Covenant Lord be with you always, and cause his face to shine upon you.

I am &c.

R.A.

Boston Septr 19. 1835

To the Brethren of the
Siamese mission }

Dear Brethren,

By letters received a few days since from Singapore, I learn that yr communications have been destroyed by pirates! This will leave us probably, for some months, in uncertainty as to yr progress, and in ignorance of yr wants. May the Good Shepherd be with you, and supply you abundantly from his fulness. Our baptist brethren are sending out other laborers for their mission in Siam. I sometimes fear that evils will arise from having two denominations in the same place differing so much in the baptismal rite, but the Lord Jesus is able to unite yr hearts and counsels. You must aim as much as possible to bring about an amicable division of labor, and you will naturally seek for the things which make for peace. Certainly there is room enough for you all.

I wrote you by our brethren Dickenson, Arms &c, and not having received letters from you since, having nothing new to communicate. The last number of the Boston Recorder will give you the more important facts concerning our late annual meeting, from which I returned last Wednesday. Indeed I have no time to write you at length, as I find a vessel on the point of sailing for the Sandwich Islands, and the Louvre is to sail for Singapore on Monday morning.

Be of good courage. The Lord be with you.

R. A.

P.S. we send you letters and pamphlets as usual.

Boston Sept. 21. 1835

Doct. Dan B Bradley,
Bankok, Siam.

My dear brother.

Yours of April 19. 1835 was received by the Cashmere. We had before heard of yr arrival at Singapore, as you will have learned by letters sent by Messrs Dickenson, Arms &c. We were now glad to hear that you expected soon to proceed on yr way to Bankok. In the affliction which came upon you and Mrs Bradley in the loss of yr little one we deeply sympathize. Who knows but this affliction may be designed only as a preparation for more abundant mercies, than you could otherwise bear meekly and well? This however is certain, that the Lord is good and of tender mercy, and doth not afflict willingly.

How miraculous almost the escape of the brethren Jones & Dean! Their lives were cheaply purchased by the loss of the papers. Surely we ought to bless the Lord. I trust the same mercy which so signally spared them, will prevent our brethren at Bankok from serious inconvenience on account of the loss of their letters.

As I have really no time which I can properly spare for writing you now, except on mere business, I will at once mention the chief object of my present letter. Miss Goodyear, a cousin of yours who is keeping school in New York city, has offered herself to go out as a teacher to Siam. She says she had conversation with you on the subject of her going on a mission, before you sailed. Our impression is that, if she goes, it should be with the expectation of residing in yr family; but we do not like to send her without knowing first how you and Mrs Bradley feel about it. Indeed we rarely send out a single female, without at first knowing that there is a family which will gladly afford her a home. She has her heart much set on going. Be so good, then, as to lose no time in writing me whether you and Mrs Bradley will be glad to receive her into yr family, in case she goes. Give us yr opinion very frankly about her, and express yr feelings freely. Desiring affec. rememb^{ce} to Mrs Bradley, I am &c 583

R. A.

Boston Sept^{r} 26. 1835

Mr S. Wells Williams }
Canton, China. }

My dear brother,

Until Mr Bridgman reminded me of the fact, I was not aware that I had written you individually no more. Yr letters in my files were regularly marked "answered &c"; but it seems the answers, in most cases, were addressed to you and Mr Bridgman conjointly. Yr letters have given me much information, and I should be sorry to have them grow fewer or shorter.

The joint letter of April 5th, received on the fifth inst^{t} is in yr handwriting, and relates to yr department of labor. I wrote you a few lines by way of Singapore, informing you that we had sent Mr North to that place, and that he carried out the materials for a type and stereotype foundery, and was acquainted with type cutting to some extent. Wishing to secure as much of order and a division of labor and responsibility as possible, we reserved the Chinese department to yrself, but it would seem from yr letter that it may yet be expedient to send a second printer, and perhaps a professed type cutter to Singapore. Indeed I am almost prepared to recommend to the Committee to send out one of Tufts' Power presses to Singapore, notwithstanding it may cost twelve or fifteen hundred dollars. It is an admirable machine.

I trust you will see that the funds of the Bible and Tract Society, which are sent out for Chinese printing, are promptly converted into books. Acquire a knowledge of the language as soon and as perfectly as possible. Your age is favorable to such an acquisition. Place yr standard high. I see not what shall prevent you from being learned in the language, and very eminently useful as a missionary of Christ to that world of benighted souls.

Yr father was at the Rooms a few days since. I expected to see him again but did not. He appeared to be in good health and looked as young as when you left America. He was absent from Utica when the Board met there last Autumn.

I have written to Mr Stevens, and shall write to Mr Bridgman, and send my letters to N York to go by Mr Gordon in the Roman. I hope also to get various other letters and parcels to New York in time for the Ship.

The results of our late annual meeting you will learn from the religious newspapers which go herewith.

R. A.

Boston Septr 26th 1835.

Rev. Edwin Stevens,
Canton China }

My dear Brother,

Our Committee, agreeably to what I wrote you some months since, have appointed you a missionary of our Board, and yr name is placed as such in our Report. I have also given Mr Greenleaf notice of this fact, and while he expresses their desire to retain you permanently in connection with the Seaman's Friend Society, he says it is all in accordance with the understanding on which you went to China. You are heartily welcome into our family of missionary, and may the Lord bless the connection to you to us and to China.

At this distance, and in reference to such a field as China, we can hardly be expected to give you minute instructions; nor are they necessary. Yr leading object, until it is attained, will be to prepare for the duties of yr mission among the Chinese, and then you will do whatsoever yr hand findeth to do.

I hope soon to hear of yr safe return from yr tour into the interior. Should you have met with obstacles at that time insurmountable, you will not be disheartened. There will probably be many failures in particular enterprises, before China is carried; but, trusting in the Almighty God, we must persevere. What ever funds are necessary and can be judiciously used by the mission, shall be placed at its disposal. I wish I could demonstrate to the churches *how*, we can next year use up judiciously, with our present number of missionaries, a hundred thousand dollars more than we have received the present year. You and yr brethren must help us to the means of doing this.

I trust you will write me freely, and occasionally write me *elaborately*. A *part* of yr business and duty is to write for the churches.

R. A.

Boston Sept 26. 1835.

Rev E. C. Bridgman,
Canton, China.

My dear Brother,

There are the following letters from you to be answered; viz.

One dated Aug. 12, 1834, recd July 1. 1835.
One dated Jany 3. 1835. recd May 11.
One dated March 26. 1835. recd July 16.
One dated March 30. 1835. recd July 16.
A note accompanying letter to Mr Hallock recd April 5. 1835
A fine collection of idols, Chinese compass, dial, inkcase, with a description of the idols, &c.
Yr Sermon on the decease of Lord Napier, &c.

Brother Wisner, to whom you sent the idols, had rested from his labors more than a month before you placed them on board the vessel! How like a vapor is our continuance here!

Mr Coolidge called on me very kindly. A single hint he gave me respecting the effect which the opening of China to trade may be expected to have on Singapore, may be worth thousands of dollars to us. It put me on the track of useful inquiry.

On my return from New York, a fortnight since, I travelled with Mr King, who gave me many useful hints concerning our operations in the east, and particularly at **Singapore**. He goes out to Canton shortly; and Mr Gordon called, a few days since, to say that he was to go out in the Roman and to offer to take letters. I regret to hear that Mr Olyphant is expected to return so soon. I have been much pleased with the two younger partners of the house. Mr King is very intelligent and communicative, and must make a pleasant associate for you.

Yr long private letter of March 26, is one of the most valuable yr ever wrote. May you write many such. Let me say, however, in all frankness at the outset, that I have some doubt whether you ought so positively to forbid our making any public use of the letter. There are two or three paragraphs which are as suitable, on all accounts for publication, as any thing you ever wrote, that is, they are entirely suitable, and might be advantageously made public. We make it a rule not to publish what ~~any~~ of our brethren request may not be published, and a simple request is enough. Generally it is best to designate the paragraphs or subjects which are *tabued*. I was not aware that you had *requested* me not to publish the letter, from which extracts were made into the Report. I ask pardon if I overlooked the request. Tell me freely what is *private* and your requests shall be regarded, but do not put on the injunction without the best reasons. Remember that some things which you, as an individual, might prefer with the information you have at Canton, to be suppressed, may after all be just the things to meet a certain state of the public mind in this country — of which we feel ourselves able, in our central situation, to judge better than any body else.

We take a deep interest in the political and commercial agitations within and around China, believing them to sustain an intimate relation to the progress of Christ's kingdom in that part of the world. Indeed I am learning to regard every thing as being related in some way to our work. In this way I see the earth laboring hard to help the woman. Railways, steam engines, steamboats, treaties, all are made for the church, and to help on the universal spread of gospel truth. Millions would not pay for what the earth is doing for us every year. The men of the world mean not so, but it is so in the overruling and wonderworking providence of God. Commerce is planning her missions to all parts of the Chinese coasts, and soon they will be there; and in view of the apathy of the church, I am disposed to think that Commercial enterprize will break down the wall which Chinese policy has reared around the nation; but then the gospel will enter through the breaches. I speak now of the chief instrumentality; for no doubt the distribution of books and the intercourse of missionaries must have a conciliatory tendency. I pray that the churches may take the lead, and perhaps the time is near when men will be as willing to give their sons to the work, as they are to give their money for it; and to go for the propagation of the gospel, as they are on commercial speculation. If God should be pleased to raise the standard of piety in the churches, it will be easier to get men; and nothing else, I am persuaded, will secure us a great increase upon our present number of missionaries. It is astonishing what fondness good men have for home. Instead, however, of blaming them, let us pray the Lord of the harvest, that he would raise up laborers. We should be glad to send ~~fo~~ fifty to China this very autumn.

Yr Repository is still received with pleasure, and no doubt you act wisely in giving it a portion of yr time. I am glad our friends in New York are making efforts to circulate it in this country. It has done more than anything else to call attention to China. Take care of yr health, and at the same time secure a portion of every day, if possible, for the Chinese language. The expense of going up and down between Macao and Canton should not be regarded, if it will prevent a loss of health. And the time may come, and let it not come too late when you will think a voyage to Manilla, Singapore or Batavia will be useful to you. The same remarks I would make to yr associates Mr Stevens and Mr Williams. Still better, if it would benefit health, would be a voyage up the coast, with yr boxes full of good books, and yr tongue loosened to preach the gospel. Live as long, and at the same time as usefully as you can.

A ship is in agitation at New York to traverse the China seas in behalf of missionary and Bible and tract Societies. The design is noble, but we have had some apprehensions with regard to the details of the plan. I have endeavored, but not yet with success, to get a letter written to us on the subject, that the way might be open to us to make a number of suggestions to the enterprizing merchants who originated the enterprize. We are in expectation of hearing from them soon.

Meanwhile you must all press the book manufacturing as fast as possible. How is it you speak of a want of funds? I pray you tell us how large a sum you can well expend in a year in printing Bibles? and how large a sum in printing tracts, and you shall have it if it be 50.000 dollars or more. We are sadly perplexed when asked by the Bible and Tract Societies how much money we can expend for them in our several missions, and in not a single instance, yet, have I been able to get a definite reply to similar inquiries addressed to our missions. I beg, therefore, you will tell me how much money can be profitably used up in printing Bibles in the year 1836, and how much in the year 1837, in the Chinese language? and how much in printing religious tracts? I know you can do little better than to guess at it, but you can guess better than we, and can assist us to guess for the various Societies.

We have never yet had any report on the subject of yr expenditures of the grants by the Bible and Tract Societies. Ask Mr Williams to make us such a report by the first ship. Give us also, jointly, the information above requested.

Singapore must be our great book manufactory. I am nearly prepared to recommend to our Committee to send out one of Tufts patent Power presses. I wish you would make suggestions very freely as to the desirable enlargements of every kind, at that station. We must have a seminary there, but I have no belief that it will be wise for us to purchase the Raffles' buil ding. Better for us to get the land, and put up small, economical neat buildings for ourselves. I do not believe we shall put up another large edifice again, like Ottley Hall in Ceylon. Several small, less expensive buildings will better comport with our character, and better answer our purpose. Then, too, we can change the location of the seminary, if need be, with less sacrifice; at least, with less *apparent* sacrifice. Indeed the policy of great expensive buildings in connection with a mission, is very questionable. But you must all make such suggestions as occur to you. Endeavor to enlarge as well as guide our views. You are on the ground. From yr minds ought to originate most of the good devices which are carried into effect for China.

I am thankful for yr remarks upon Mr Gutzlaff. They accord with the impressions I had formed of him. I am not yet without fears of a reaction in this country unfavorable to China, but we shall endeavor to prevent it. May the Lord pour out his spirit upon the churches, that they may be placed more above the reach of these ebbings and flowings of intelligence from heathen lands. Enough to know, one would think, that the earth is the Lord's and has rebelled against him.

The late meeting of our Board was interesting. From the papers we send you, you will learn what was done. Mr Armstrong of Richmond was elected Secretary of the Home Correspondence, in place of our lamented brother Wisner. He is an excellent man. I hope to have more time for my particular duties after he shall have come among us, than I have had these five years past; as he will remain most of the time at the Rooms. You must remember that for three years out of five, brother Greene and myself have been alone. A mysterious Providence! But so it has been that the excellency of the power might be of God.

As you have now three in yr mission, Mr Stevens having been appointed a missionary of the Board, you had better *organize* as a mission, and keep a book of Records. I shall always aim to answer all yr individual letters to you individually; but generally shall address matters of general interest to you as a mission. Let every one make suggestions as pleases him, &c; but letter yr graver recommendations, designed for the Committee, come from the mission, in letters written in the name of the mission. Order is at any rate a law of heaven. "Let every thing be done decently and in order" We aim at that continually. System, order, division of labor, must with God's blessing, be the life of our operations. All the operations of yr press, and each of you individually, will come under the direction of yr mission. See Rules and Regulations of the Board, Section VI, in 23^d Report, Appendix.

R. A.

Boston Oct^r 3. 1835

Rev. Archibald Henderson,
St. Andrews, L. Canada.

My dear Sir,

We are glad to receive yr suggestions on the subject of an agency in the Canadas. It strikes me favorably, in case one of our General agents can find time to make a summer excursion in that quarter. I have made a minute of the subject for the consideration of the Committee.

Be assured, dear Sir that we feel encouraged by such suggestions and expressions of interest as you have afforded us. May you and yr people who have so generously remembered us, be remembered of the Lord Jesus and be amply rewarded in the rich blessings of his grace.

R. A.

Boston Sept^r 30. 1835

To the Mission in Syria,

Dear Brethren,

The following letters and communications are on file to be acknowledged; viz.

Joint Letter dated Dec. 22, 1834

Letter from Mr Bird, dated, Feb. 11, 1835.

Letters from Mr Whiting dated Feb 3. March 16, 1835. March 23.
Journal of ditto. March 27—July 26. 1834; & January 1835.
Mr Thomson dated April 3, 6, & 9, 1835.
Mr Pease, dated Dec. 18, 1834, and April 19, 1835.
Do his journal in Cyprus, or rather his & Mr Thomson's.

The letter from Mr Thomson concerning yr proposed High School, was received just before our Annual meeting, and will probably receive attention from the Committee at their next meeting. Of course I need say nothing about it now. I am glad to see the subject brought forward in such business-like manner, that I can present it to the Committee in no better way than by reading to them the entire document.

In the view of the affecting reasons urged by Mr Whiting in favor of purchasing a burying ground at Jerusalem, the Committee resolved yesterday,

"That the mission in Syria be authorized to purchase a burial ground at Jerusalem, provided a suitable ground for the purpose can be obtained at an expense not exceeding one hundred dollars."

In view of the report of Messrs Thomson and Pease concerning Cyprus, more especially its climate, and ~~more especially~~ also the scarcity of missionaries, (which we begin to feel exceedingly) we doubt the expediency of commencing that mission at present. It is, however, left entirely with mission, after this suggestion, to decide whether Mr Pease shall remain in Syria, or even return there if he has actually gone to Cyprus; as I think it possible he has, after what he wrote me from Jerusalem. It would seem the climate is extremely unfavorable to the European constitution at some seasons. We have now a great deal of ground taken up, and we must aim to bear more strongly on that, and not extend ourselves very much more, except in northwestern India, and in fact on the Asiatic continent. Some posts however must be occupied in the Indian Archipelago. But what am I saying? The exceptions I have made, destroy the rule I had laid down. We must extend ourselves in all quarters. What I mean is, that we must look now a little more to the concentration of our forces upon perticular points, and the more so because our prospects of recruits are so unpromising, in comparison with our necessities, taking into view only the missions we have actually commenced. For one, I shall be glad to hear that Mr Pease is still in Syria, and I know our Committee will not regret if you think proper to delay the commencement of the Cyprus mission

I hope Mrs Dodge, to whom I wrote soon after I heard of the decease of her excellent husband, will find it to be her duty to remain in Syria, and labor for her Lord & Master. He is at liberty to come home, in case the mission shall advise her return, but it will be honorable to the missionary character and to the Lord of missions, if more of our widows perseveringly remain at their posts.

I view of what Mr Smith said in one of his letters, we shall send out another single female, Miss Betsey Tilden of Hanover, N.H., a young lady highly recommended by some of the most intelligent people in that place. She will probably go in November, if there be not too many unmarried men to go at that time. Mr Hebard and Mr Lanneau are preparing to go then, but whether marriage is to be a part of their preparations, I really do not know. Mr & Mrs Jackson go with them as far as Smyrna, on their way to Trebizond. Mr Hebard possesses an enthusiastic attachment for the science of education. Were he to remain in this country, he would, of choice, devote himself to the business of instruction in some one of our colleges. You will no doubt find out the particular department in which he had better serve the cause. Mr Lanneau is from Charleston, S.C., and is a warm hearted man. Both we think well of.

I think it probable that Mr James L. Thompson, whose destination was at first assigned to the Indians, will go to Syria; his inclination being rather in favor of such a change, and their being no serious objection to it. If so, he may perhaps go out this fall, and will go unmarried.

We are in search of a physician for you, but have not yet found one.

The list of types which Mr Smith sent home (by way of Constantinople— Mr Hallock has the letter) has been placed in the hands of

Mr Hallock, who is authorized to get punches cut for them, including those sent under date of Feb. 17. The punches being cut and matrices made, the type will be cast and forwarded with the least possible delay.

I view of one of Mr Smith's letters, and of what Mr Hallock says about George, the Committee have resolved to send a printer to Syria as soon as a suitable man can be obtained. We shall also add to yr printing establishment at the suggestion of Mr Hallock.

You will learn from the papers the proceedings of our late annual meeting. You will perceive that, in point of receipts, the Lord was pleased to enable us to make progress upon our preceding year.

My health has been nearly perfect for months past, and is good now, through infinite mercy.

Our churches do greatly need a refreshing from on high. Nothing else will give us missionaries. Pray the Lord of the harvest.

R. A.

Oct. 8. 1835. The Prudential Committee, at their meeting on Tuesday, heard yr long communication on the subject of a High School, and adopted the following resolution; viz

"Resolved. That the mission in Syria be authorized and instructed to establish a High School for the rearing up of native helpers in the missionary work; and that the Secretaries correspond with the mission on the nature of the institution, stating especially the objections which lie against connecting with it a department of manual labor."

I merely communicate the resolution now, and write on the subject when our brethren sail next month. The design of the Committee is that the school be a boarding school.

R. A.

Boston Octr 12, 1835

Rev. Messrs Goodell, Dwight & Schauffler,
Constantinople

Dear Brethren

The Prudential Committee at their meeting of the 3rd ulto, adopted the following resolution; viz.

"Resolved, — That the missionaries residing at Constantinople, whatever be their several departments of labor, be regarded as constituting but one mission."

You perceive we have so represented you in our Reports for the two years past. Whether you labor for Turk or Armenian, Greek or Jew, you are one mission, one community. The desire of the Committee is, that you organize as such, and have yr secretary and book of Records; and of course yr meetings for business. The fundamental principle in respect to yr organization is stated in Rules and Regulations of the Board, Sec. VI. 1. See Appendix to 23d Report. No important contracts should be made by either member of the mission involving expense, (except in the domestic arrangements of yr households,) without the consent of the mission. Recommendations to the Committee on important matters should come in the name of the mission, and as having the sanction of the mission. This will be of great importance hereafter to their success. In fact, the mission has now the responsibility of the acts of its several members. This is according to our usage. We are acting upon the benighted world by means of organized bodies of men and women. My letters hereafter, when relating to concerns of general interest, will be addressed to the mission as such;— though when we get our domestic department filled once more, I hope always to answer yr individual letters by letters addressed to the individual writers.

Mr Homes is commended to you as a mission, by whom we expect his particular field to be assigned. He will probably reach Constantinople before this letter arrives.

As I may not be able to write to you individually by the Banian, I will here acknowledge the letters I have received since I last wrote: viz.

From Mr Goodell:

Letters dated Feb. 28, March 3d, 6th, April 2d, May 8th, 9th, 18th, June 15th; and copy of Mr G's letter to Mr Temple.

From Mr Dwight:

Letters dated May 31st, & June 8th, 1835.

From Mr Schauffler:

Letters dated March 7th, May 8th, and June 10th, 1835.

I have also received a letter from Mr Homes, dated April 10th, and a list of the books he bought at Paris.

Nor must I overlook Mr Schauffler's valuable letters, designed as a continuation of the "Hints, Cautions, &c," of Mr Goodell & others. I mentioned the whole collection verbally to the Board, and stated my belief that it would probably be found expedient to publish them. I design to circulate them among the members of our Committee, and get their remarks, &c. That being done, I shall, if life is spared, bring up the question, in Committee, of their use for the public good. Meanwhile, (for all this cannot be done in a moment) you will do well to make any additions or modifications, which occur to you as important. In the present excited and excitable state of the public mind, we must take care what new views we throw out upon it. They should at any rate be well matured ~~at~~ first. Mr Schauffler has made a very good use of St Paul. I have still some difficulty as to the ground taken by Mr Goodell in respect to our Savior. No doubt Mr Goodell is correct in the main; but to prove that our Saviour is to be our model *in his public life as a teacher*, it appears to me that we must regard teaching as the main object of his mission in this world. The same great moral principles doubtless applied equally to him and to the missionary Paul; but the *application* of principles is modified greatly by circumstances; and to know how far our Savior's public life as a religious teacher is to be the model for ours, we need to know how far his circumstances resembled ours. I wish Br. Goodell would revise his letters on that subject with this suggestion in view, and write me. He will of course have patience with the strictures of his friends. We are all aiming at the same result.

Mr Schauffler's letter, dated March 7th, is employed chiefly in stating a subject for the Prudential Committee. He wishes to know how far he may properly spend money in enabling those Jews who are desirous of renouncing Judaism, to escape to places of safety. The letter was read at a late meeting of the Committee, and they voted to refer the subject to yr mission to consider and report upon it to the Committee. Please to give it yr united and prayerful consideration, and present as definite a report as may be upon it. We feel that there should be great caution used, and that the greatest care should be taken to guard against creating an impression among the Jews and others, that you have large funds at yr disposal. I ought to say, however, that we regard that system of missionary operation with great distrust, one object of which is to provide asylums from persecution for its converts. And least of all would we provide them for a people so given to deception as the Jews. If Mr Schauffler contemplated the screening of converts generally from persecution by providing them the means of escape, the Committee would have immediately decided in the negative. But as the question is *how far* such means may properly be afforded, the subject is referred to the mission for an expression of their views upon it

We are anxious to hear again from Mrs Schauffler, and that the Lord has graciously prolonged her valuable life. We praise him for the evidence which enables our hopes to triumph over our fears in respect to her. Though we have heard so often of the sickness and death of our dear brethren and sisters, the heart does not get hardened to such things; the reverse is true. We find it more and more easy to weep with those who weep, as well as to rejoice with those who rejoice. May the joy of the Lord be the inheritance of us all.

Mr Dwights requests have all been attended to, at least I have handed over memorandums to the proper persons. The error, which he very kindly points out in the Report, was founded on a statement in one of the manuscripts, from which (and not from printed copy) my part of the Report was compiled. I think the statement was made by Mr Goodell, though I do not find it in the few moments I have been able to devote to an examination of my files. The error found in the Herald for June 1834, was made no doubt by the copyist; it is not in Mr Dwight's letter. Such errors will sometimes occur. Mr Greene thinks so long time has elapsed, it will not be worth while to correct it.

The account of yr hopeful Armenians we did not insert in the Herald, lest it should get back to Constantinople, and in some way do harm. We have printed it as a missionary paper, of which we send you a number of copies.

I deeply regret the course which Mr Paspati has thought it his duty to pursue. My only consolation is that the Lord, whose ways are infinitely, and often for a time inscrutably wise, has ultimate purposes of good which will delight us all. I fear, by the time he returns a well-bred physician, the getting of money, and not doing good, will become his ruling motive. Paspati and Petrokokino have been the only Greeks we could point to, of the dozen we have educated in this country, and say, see the good resulting from our large expenditures on their account.

Oscanean was here a month ago. He rather gained in my estimation. I advise you to lose no time in writing a kind judicious letter to Dr Matthews fitted to make him persevere in his kindness to Oscanean. Men sometimes grow weary of doing good, when it is hard work. I have written him lately. Dr Mathews brought Oscanean to Boston, and I was not entirely pleased with the manner of his leaving him here for the vacation on our hands. If Mr Homes had not given 50 dollars for his expenses, I know not what we should have done, and that sum the good man gave because his son was going to Constantinople.

R.A.

Boston Oct 16, 1835

Rev. Messrs Schneider & Powers,
Broosa.

Dear brethren,

I am happy to acknowledge the following letters from you; viz. From Mr Schneider dated Jany 17 & June 10th 1835; and from Messrs Powers and Schneider dated Feb 27, and from Mr Powers dated May 2d, 1835. The letter dated June 10th was received on the 18th ulto; the others on the 25th of August.

The requests in yr letters have been noted, and the memorandums being placed in the hands of our Depositary, will no doubt receive attention, though it is possible the articles may not all go before the next month, when we expect brethren to embark for Smyrna.

Experience has shown, I think, (and we have had some opportunity to observe) that the wisest course would not have been for Mr & Mrs Schneider to have gone to Constantinople. I have no doubt that, in such cases, we rely too much on physicians – perhaps we do in most cases. I have made out a small but valuable list of medical Books, for you with the help of Dr Hale.

I hope Mrs Schneider's brother will commence a correspondence with us. Physicians are called for from all quarters.

We have some doubt about the publication of Mr Goodell's letters without some modification, at least in the present excited and excitable state of the public mind, when there is a strange disposition disregard such a thing as expediency, altogether as time-serving and unchristian. The glaring imprudencies of these men, however, are gradually sobering the public mind, and preparing it for the suggestions of reason and expediency, and (I may add too,) of the word of God. I regard the series of letters, in connection with Mr Schauffler's, as being exceedingly valuable.

Please say to Hohannes that I am greatly obliged by his salams. May the Lord Jesus make him a burning and shining light to his countrymen, and when he has done his work here, receive him to the blessedness of the heavenly world.

R. A.

Boston Oct. 16, 1835

Rev John B. Adger, }
Smyrna }

My dear Brother,

I have received two letters from you since I last wrote dated June 12th and July 9th. The former came Aug. 25th the latter on the 18th ulto. I made a memorandum of the requests in yr letter of June 12th on the day I received it, according to my usage, and thought, till today, that I had handed it over to Mr Hill; but I find I have not, and fear it is too late to procure the articles for the Banian. If so, they will go next month, when we hope to send out several brethren for Syria & Trebizond. I ought not to be negligent, but yr letter came just before we started for Baltimore.

I congratulate Mrs Adger and yrself on becoming such happy ~~happy~~ parents. The Lord preserve you and yours, and crown you with his loving kindness, and tender mercy.

My health has been about perfect for several months; so you see we have strength according to our day.

R.A.

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Boston. Oct. 16 1835

Rev Thomas P. Johnston,
Trebizond

My dear brother.

The only letters from you on my files which have not been acknowledged are dated Constantinople May 5th, 12th, & 13th and Trebizond June 10th, 1835. I have also had the pleasure of receiving yr journal commencing Nov. 2d, 1834. We rejoice and bless God to hear that you and yr family are at length fully settled at Trebizond. Yr expenses have indeed been unexpected and extraordinary, but if you have now fairly gained a footing we will not regret them. The fact that the house is large enough to receive another family, or to enable you to entertain yr brother missionaries now and then when on their way back and forth between the countries beyond you and Constantinople, is an important one. Mr Jackson and his wife a very amiable and excellent couple, will probably embark near the last of next month, on their way to join you. Probably they will be detained at Constantinople until the opening of the spring.

I hope Dr and Mrs Grant reached Constantinople in time to accompany Mr Merrick from thence, and to have the benefit of the man's assistance whom you found waiting at Trebizond for Mr Merrick. May you and yr wife and yr associates at Trebizond often have the great pleasure of helping our missionary laborers on their way to the interior of Asia. Our object, with the divine blessing, is to form a line of posts from the Mediterranean and christian Europe, through Asia, to the extreme countries of the southeast, and thence through the Islands of the Indian and Pacific oceans. We are hindered only by the want of men, and I beseech you to make it continually a subject of fervent prayer that the Lord of the Harvest would raise up laborers for his harvest.

It is not necessary for me to say anything in respect to the course you should pursue. This is quite obvious. You will need to become as thorough as possible in the language, and to avail yrself of every proper opening for making known the truth. Gain as much knowledge as you can about the country around you. Let yr more extended communications to us be written with care, and as concisely as may be, and be full and accurate. Yr journals and letters should always, if possible, be written on letter paper, that they may be the more conveniently bound together.

Expecting to write you again by Mr Jackson, and desiring affectionate remembrance to Mrs Johnston &c

R.A.

Boston Oct. 16, 1835

To Mrs Hallock }
Smyrna. }

My dear Madam,

As yr husband is now in New York, and I am not sure that he has letters on board the Banian for you, I write you a few lines. He was here about a fortnight since & was well when I last heard from him.

We were glad to see him here on so important an errand, which certainly made it very desirable that he should visit us. The business will be done at New York, so that we shall not probably see him much more before its completion. I see he begins to feel the time is long which keeps him from his home, but I think I know you well enough to be assured that you will encourage him in yr letters to finish his business completely before his return. The Lord will bless you the more for all yr self-denials endured from love to his cause. Remember me affectionately to yr children. Pray for me and my dear wife, who desires her love to you.

R.A.

Boston Oct. 17. 1835

Rev Daniel Temple, }
Smyrna. }

My dear Brother,

Yr letters of May 30th and July 9th

have been received, and also yr annual report of books printed and issued. The last came after the Report had been completed, but still in time to be used. I assure you it was with great pleasure I cancelled the sentence, "No report has been received concerning the Printing establishment the past year;" or words to that effect.

I wrote you a few lines on the 31st of August, stating the pleasure with which we received Mr Hallock on his important errand. We shall aim to send him back well furnished for his work. We are at a loss, however, as to what we ought to do in respect to Hebrew types. As long ago as February, I wrote as follows to the brethren at Constantinople:

"Let the united wisdom and strength of yr mission and that at Smyrna be directed to the furnishing of the Smyrna press forthwith with the Hebrew, Rabbinic, and whatever other type is necessary. Mr Temple is authorized to procure it from Leipsic, or from any other more eligible quarter. It would be better, probably, that Mr Schauffler should make a journey to Leipsic, than that serious embarrassment should be much longer endured."

If the type is not obtained, I hope that the two missions, I mean yrs and the one at Constantinople, will unite their wisdom, and at all events procure them, if it be within the range of possibility.

It may be of some importance to say that the Committee have resolved that the brethren at Constantinople constitute but one mission. Mr Schauffler's and Mr Dwight's are only departments in it. These brethren are responsible to their mission, under the Committee; and the mission of which they are a part are responsible for them. As Mr Adger belongs to the Asia Minor mission, and of course has his immediate relations with that, it might seem that he and Mr Dwight, who actually belong to the same department of the mission in a larger sense would experience some embarrassment; but the inconvenience will amount to nothing in practice, and when it arises it can be provided for. We take it for granted that the superintendence which yr mission takes of the printing establishment will be efficient. To secure the confidence of the Committee in the recommendations of yr mission, which must necessarily involve sometimes a large expenditure, the Committee will need to feel assured that Mr Hallock's propositions are scrutinized by the mission with the same care with which they themselves scrutinize them, and that they come, at last, *bonâ fide*, from the mission itself. This Mr Hallock will of course expect, though he told me, goodnaturedly, that the fact of his urging his proposals in good nature, or otherwise, would have considerable influence on his success at yr business meetings. This is very likely. Good nature facilitates the business of a meeting, always. But his brethren will exercise their good nature in canvassing his reasons, and when you recommend any measure to the Committee, the reasons for which are not quite obvious, it will be well to state them. The Committee earnestly desire that the printing establishment may proceed with energy, and, after Mr Hallock's return, accomplish a great amount of work. Would it be well to send out a man as a journeyman printer?

Mr Hallock's mind is so active and ingenious, that unless there is a great amount of printing to do, he will be continually inventing, and multiplying the irons in his fire. He is much pleased with the change in his relations to the mission, and I rejoice that it so entirely meets with yr approbation.

Mr Brewer has been appointed an agent of the American Bible Society; and he had previously been appointed one of the chaplains of the American Seamen's Friend Society. It would not be best that he should again come into connection with our Committee. There is no proof that he has any different views of their proceedings in reference to him, than he has had, or of his own conduct towards them. Probably there has been no change in his views. In this state of things there would be constant danger of new difficulties if he were again to be connected with us. Little more than a year since, he began to *print* a history of his difficulties with the Board, and sent me the first printed sheet. We should have been glad to see the whole come out, but have heard nothing further. I need not add that we should have attempted no reply; that we had determined on. I am glad the Bible Society have appointed him their agent, now that I hear he has done talking against us; but for years not a sea-captain or American gentleman went to Smyrna but he came home full of the matter. Co-operate with him as you would with any other missio ry, and as if he belonged to another society, and nothing had happened. Assist him in all his judicious plans of usefulness, and bid him God-speed in them. Pray for him, pray with him, and treat him as a christian brother, and we will do the same; but do not let us uncap a volcano, which divine goodness has quieted, if we can help it; and there is danger that renewing his connection with the Board would be somewhat like that. It is *possible* that the operation of divine grace on our brother will bring him to such a state of mind, that he will write such frank and ingenuous acknowledgments to the Committee as will convince them that his confidence in the Committee is restored, and that it is safe to restore his relations to them; but such an event is not probable.

My health is excellent, and has been for some months. Mr Armstrong has not yet given his answer, but we expect him to come. How much I need all my time for my own department!

R.A.

Boston Oct. 17. 1835

Rev. Jonas King,
Athens, Greece

My dear brother,

The following letters have been received from you since the 12th of August; viz, dated March 24, April 4th, 13th, 18th, May 5th, 15th, & June 3d; also a letter from yrself and Mr Riggs, dated Athens, May 1, 1835, respecting the four young Greeks sent to this country for education, and a copy of yr letter to Dr Codman.

We were rather startled by the arrival of these young men, & knew not how to account for it until reception of a letter from you a few days after, stating that you did not get my letter on the subject of sending young men to this country for education, until they were on their way to Syra. They are promising young men, but whether the Committee can do anything for them beyond yr pledges is not yet determined. The two first named have gone to Mr Riggs' old instructor in New Jersey, where they will remain for a year without expense to the Board. The other two are with Dr Park of Stoughton, and are supported by the Board for the present.

On the subject of sending young men to this country for education, the Committee have adopted the following general rule, viz.

"Resolved, — That the several missions of the Board be instructed, in no case to send young men to this country, hereafter, for education, at the expense of the Board, nor to consign them to the care of the Committee, unless the consent of the Committee shall have first been obtained."

General rules grow out of particular cases, and this was adopted merely to make the case as clear and explicit as possible, and not at all as reflecting on what you had done. We shall keep an eye on these young men, and do all for them which we can with propriety. I trust my impression is correct, that we cannot saddle these Roumeliote young men with all our inferences from our experience with the Sciote youths. But certainly our experience in this country in the education of Greeks in this country, is very discouraging. Athens, however, is not the place for our Greek Seminary, nor can I think that it is any where in *liberated* Greece; but we must have a seminary soon where Greeks can be educated for our purpose without the necessity of sending them at all to this country. This I regard as a settled point, and the sooner our brethren who have the Greeks for their special object of labor, will agree in some plan for such an institution, the sooner will it be likely to come into existence. I wish it were possible for you, and Mr Riggs, and Mr Houston, and Mr Temple, and a representation from the Constantinople mission, and perhaps from the Syrian mission, to have a solemn deliberation together on the subject, and report at length to our Committee. My own mind has been directed towards Scio as the probable scite of such an institution. Whatever is done towards such an object should of course be done with as little noise as possible, and the commencement of the institution should be on a small scale; but it would be enlarged. Whatever was necessary to make it a flourishing institution, with the divine blessing would be secured to it.

I have heard nothing from yr New York friends. China has been the hobby of some of them for many months past, and I really cannot tell whether they will assist you or not. I have said all I can say to them with propriety.

In yr letter of April 13th are the following remarks:– "It is impossible for me to do all that devolves upon me in the Gymnasium, and distributing books, and write much to you, without seriously injuring my health; or, at least, without putting me in danger of being obliged to renounce my work. So I hope I shall be excused on the score of writing. It is best to work, I think, while we have *opportunity*, and say but little about it."

I have copied this paragraph for the sake of the last sentence. My belief is that if yr rule were adopted by all our brethren, our missionary enterprize would soon come to an end for want of interest in the churches to sustain it. The church will not take an interest in a missions unless they hear from it, and unless communications respecting it are laid before them now and then which are drawn up with painstaking. They will not pray for that mission as they ought; they will think it is doing little or nothing. Such is man and it is vain to reason against it. So, if you write *us* but little, we can say but little about you; perhaps *we* shall partake of the general apathy. My opinion is it would have been wise in you to have attempted less in Greece, if that was necessary to write more, and more that should be published and secure a reading. It is in yr power to secure a proper share of interest in Greece, but you can do so *only by writing*. An elaborate answer to some at least of the questions in our Circular, would have been of great service to yr mission. It is not enough that *I* know about Greece. You and Mr Riggs must write, if you will secure from the Committee and the Christian public all the sympathy and aid you think you ought to have. Do not, my dear Brother, injure yr health, but regard writing to a certain extent as being as necessary and as much a part of yr regular duties, as attending to education or any thing else.

I have heard some complaint from members of the American Bible Society, that they have not succeeded in obtaining a definite opinion from any missionary in the Mediterranean on their modern Greek New Testament. You did indeed send them a strong denunciatory opinion from some Greek, but, they say, without any remarks of yr own as to the value of that opinion. I hope you will write them yr views of their translation explicitly and soon. I understand they have sent you more copies for distribution.

Mr Benjamin, a very promising young man, we expect will go out to Greece next Spring. If it is not deemed expedient for him to remain in Greece Proper, he may perhaps go to Scio, or some other sphere of Grecian labors. He would go now, but all his arrangements are not completed.

You must not think, dear brother, that we feel indifferent to yr gymnasium. We do not. You have, however, always understood that we did not regard it as properly an institution of the Board, though we were very cheerful in supporting its Principal and in rendering other aid to it. Still Athens was not the place where we desired to raise up our missionary helpers, and these we must aim to raise up with the help of a seminary somewhere. Seminaries enter into the theory of all our foreign missions. We have one in Ceylon, another at the Sandwich Islands; are aiming to get one in the Mahratta country; have resolved upon one at Singapore on a pretty large scale; and have authorized one in Syria. We must have one for the Greek language, and have not seen how yours could be made a substitute for it. Such a deliberative meeting as I suggested above, would throw light upon our path.

My own mind is by no means discouraged with regard to the influence of the Greek mission. I believe its influence has been very great and salutary. Greece is by no means as she would have been without it, nor will she be. But you need more active efforts to distribute the scriptures, and to distribute our school-books universally while they are in demand. It would exert an immense influence on the next generation of Greeks, if the New Testament were made a schoolbook every where in Greece, as it once was, and I trust will be again, in New England. This defect in yr plans has been a necessary one, and has been rather one in practice than by design, and you will be able no doubt to remedy it before long.

My health has been very good for months past, and I am hoping to have my time more exclusively for the business of my own department, than heretofore.

Remember me affectionately to Mrs King &c —

R.A.

Boston Oct. 19th 1835

Rev. Elias Riggs,
Argos, Greece

My dear Brother,

I wrote you last on the 19th of June. Since then I have received the following letters; viz. dated April 11th & May 25th 1835 (Nos 16 & 17) Indeed I have Nos 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15 before me. I thank you for writing me so often and so freely. By all means continue to write me as frequently and fully as you can, on all subjects related to yr missions, and to others of interest when you can spare the time for them.

I think I must have misunderstood the drift of one of yr letters. I am glad to find that the purpose and wish of yr mind is to retain yr present post. We wish you to be (and the same wish we have with respect to all our brethren) where you can labor most happily and efficiently. You must have written under the influence of depressed spirits. It is a good rule never to write letters of importance when in low spirits. Generally speaking our views of things are most correct, when our minds are cheerful. At least such is the result of my own experience and observation.

We bless the Lord for the restoration of yr own and Mrs Riggs' health. Take good care of it, and if journeying or short voyages are essential to it, take them. The plan of yr seminary strikes me favorably. Let the institution be as decidedly religious as may be, and the leading object of the higher department be to qualify native young men and women to teach common schools. If you light upon any whose hearts the Lord hath touched, or who are very promising as helpers, there would be no objection to yr making them beneficiaries for a time. Far better to expend money in boarding such in Greece, than to board them in the United States. We are persuaded that in point of fact our helpers will generally be educated in their own country. Where are the dozen Greeks we have already educated in America? None, except Petrokokino, answers to our call. Even Paspati has gone to France to study medecine. The four young men have arrived, and though I must say in truth that we regretted their being sent, we shall endeavor to make the most of them, though it is not yet decided that the Board can do any thing for them after the three months have expired. The two first named are with yr old instructor in New Jersey, who offered to take them at his own expense for at least a year. The other two are for the present with Dr Park in this vicinity, at the expense of the Board. We were pleased with their appearance, and I hear a favorable report concerning the two nearer. From the others I have heard nothing. I think they promise more than any of the Greeks I have yet seen in this country. But it is not advisable to send any others. We have a standing and general rule to the following effect:—

"That the several missions of the Board be instructed in no case to send young men to this country, hereafter, for education, at the expense of the Board, nor to consign them to the care of the Committee, unless the consent of the Committee shall have first been obtained."

You will of course exercise the greatest caution in giving board to any of yr scholars, and will do it only when sure that the interests of the mission will thereby be promoted.

I have written freely to Mr King with respect to his gymnasium, and on the subject of a mission seminary elsewhere, where we can educate helpers in the Greek language for our missionary operations. We doubt whether the best place is anywhere in the *kingdom* of Greece; but I have suggested a consultation which may throw a great deal of light on the subject.

The box you sent in the Greek vessel has been disposed of agreeably to yr wishes.

Mr Benjamin will not be ready to embark before the Spring.

Give the Scriptures and our school books as wide a circulation as possible. The work you are preparing for the press, strikes me very favorably. May you constantly enjoy divine guidance and aid.

Desiring affectionate remembrance to Mrs Riggs &c

R.A.

Boston Oct. 19. 1835.

Rev Justin Perkins }
Nestorian Mission }

My Dear Brother,

On the 25 of August I received the following letters from you, viz. dated Jany 1st, 20th, 29th, Feby 25th, March 17th, May 16th, and a copy of the Nestorian bishop's letter.

I deeply sympathize with you and Mrs Perkins in the loss of yr ~~child~~ babe. Though not yet called to suffer such a bereavement, I came so near it in one instance I am not wholly ignorant of the feelings occasioned by it. But I know also that the Lord is able to overrule all our temporal afflictions for our greater and more satisfying joy in him.

I think no encouragement should be given to the bishop, or any other Nestorian, to come to this country for an education. It must certainly be injurious for them to do so. The education they will be able to receive in process of time from members of the mission, will be far better for them. In the course of a few years we must have a seminary of some sort, at which the younger clergy and others may grow in knowledge, as well as in grace. There is also a standing rule which I will copy from the Records of the Committee, & of which I would earnestly recommend the observance by all our missions; viz.

"That the several missions of the Board be instructed in no case to send young men to this country, hereafter, for education, at the expense of the Board, nor to consign them to the care of the Committee, unless the consent of the Committee shall have first been obtained."

So far as I understand the case and its bearings, I am decidedly of opinion, that the bishop had better remain in his own country, and I am sure such would be the opinion of our Committee. The subject can be left open, however, for future correspondence.

I thank you for yr correction of my mistake concerning the press in Persia. The fact you communicate is interesting.

We shall no doubt provide the Nestorian mission with a printing establishment, as soon as you have fairly established yr mission and believe that a press can operate to advantage.

I trust Dr and Mrs Grant are with you ere this, and that you all are on the way to the Nestorian country. I have thought it possible that you might not think it best to commence yr mission in the fall, but do not know, that the climate furnishes any weighty reason one way or the other.

I have thought, too, that Mr Merrick might spend the winter with you, as I understand he was expecting to leave Constantinople about the time of Dr Grant's arrival in that city.

You must manage in some way to dispose of the grants made to yr mission by the American Bible and Tract societies. I believe you have had notice of them all. The scriptures you receive from the British and Foreign Bible Society should be paid for to the agent of that society as a matter of duty to our Bible Society, which is of course anxious to find scope for its funds.

Sir John Campbell has been elected a Corresponding member of our Board, of which we shall give him due notice.

We remember you and yr associates with strong and increasing interest. Remember me affectionately to Dr and Mrs Grant. I regretted exceedingly that I did not have opportunity to become acquainted with Mrs G. I shall write a few lines to Mr Merrick.

R. A.

Boston Oct. 19. 1835

Rev. James L. Merrick }
Tabriz, Persia }

My dear Brother,

Though I have no letter from you which has not been acknowledged, I must write you a few lines in token of my continued interest in yr prosperity.

We infer from the tenor of our letters from the Levant, that you and Dr and Mrs Grant went on together from Constantinople to Persia. At least we hope you were providentially detained at Constantinople until their arrival, as Mr Johnston informs us a man from Mr Perkins was waiting for you at Trebizond. Trusty guides are almost invaluable in that country.

We have not yet found precisely the right man to be yr colleague in the Mohammedan mission. We came near appointing an old acquaintance of yrs, Mr Launeau, and I think he would willingly have gone. A representation of one of Mr L's friends from S. Carolina, as to his excitability in argument and some things of a kindred nature, led our Committee to think that it would be more wise for Mr Launeau to go to Syria, and wait a little longer for a man of a temperament more adapted to the Mohammedan mission. Be patient, dear Brother, and the Lord in due time will provide. We are looking for a man of high qualities in every respect. You need not be anxious lest he should not be a man with whom you can sympathize. If the first man we send does not suit you, he can take a new station, and we can send two more. Two stations will be none too many in Persia.

I hope you will follow yr Instructions as far as possible as to yr preparations for yr mission. Take also the very best care of yr health. We have no misgivings as to yr mission. The followers of Mohammed are included in the promises. Let us hear from you as often as may be.

R A.

Boston June 19th 1835

Thomas Mac Gill Esqr }
Malta, }

My dear Sir,

Yr favor of the 6th of March I received on the 19th of May, together with the volume of Mr Wolff's Travels which you were so kind as to send me. I find a part of this work substantially the same with two pamphlets he had printe in India, and which he sent us from Calcutta. I agree with you entirely in the opinion, that "it is a strange jumble but containing much curious information." We heard that Mr W. was coming to this country. Indeed he actually forwarded letters of introduction to us. I suppose it is by no means certain in what direction he will go next. May the Lord God employ him wherever he does go as an instrument of good. Eccentric men are apt to do harm as well as good.

I have not seen Mr Wilson's "Knights of the Hermitage", and shall be obliged if you will send it as you propose.

By the bark Miranda, which takes this letter to Malta, I send you a variety of Reports which will no doubt be interesting to you. Among them is the last published Report of the Prison Discipline Society, which I believe I have not sent you. The Reports of the American Temperance Society are exerting a great influence in this country, and I believe they have been republished in England.

Oct. 24. 1835

Having written the above, I heard the vessel was not to touch at Malta, nor have I been able to hear of any vessel going to yr island until yesterday. I now understand that one is going immediately.

I called on Mr Sullivan, of the house of Sullivan & Barbour, whose agent Mr Fitz Williams is, and made inquiries about the manuscript you placed in Mr Fitzwilliams' hands. Mr Sullivan subsequently obtained it, and engaged to take the necessary steps to see if it could be published. Subsequently to that time he told me that he had some doubts whether he should succeed in getting a bookseller to print it, but the case was not decided, nor do I know precisely what the difficulty was. I believe, however, there was a preference for some other treatise. I hope to see Mr Sullivan before the sailing of this vessel. Should the treatise not be published here, it will of course be returned to you.

I understand from the papers that the culture of silk is attracting considerable and increasing attention in this country, but I am so out of the way of it, that I cannot act with any advantage to increase the interest. The booksellers with which I am acquainted, take no interest in the subject.

R.A.

Boston June 22. 1835

Rev. C. F. Schlienz,
Malta,

My dear brother,

There is a parcel for you on board the barque Miranda. It contains such publications on hand as are due to you. I hope you have received those which have been already sent. If any of the periodicals fail, I should be glad to know it

R.A.

Oct. 24. 1835. The Miranda did not go to Malta. The parcel has therefore been detained. It now goes by a vessel bound directly to yr island, and contains the periodicals which have become due since June.

R.A.

Boston Oct. 31. 1835

Rev. Hiram Bingham,
Honolulu, Sandwich Is.,

My dear Brother,

I acknowledged yr letters of January 6th and July 17th in the general letter of Septr 16th, but am happy to take an opportunity by the La Grange to answer them more particularly.

I did not see Capt Stetson, being out of town at the time of his visit to the Rooms. I hope yet to get an opportunity for conference with him. We begin to feel that it is time to contradict some of the numerous misstatements concerning the mission which have been moving about these four or five years past in the upper walks of our literature. We wish to bring the statements and their contradictions into so small a compass, that the article may be inserted in our daily commercial papers. Capt Stetson can help us to a few facts not found in our correspondence. I wish some members of the mission would be at the pains to send us some of the more important falsehoods, and the truth, side by side.

Some of the unguarded private letters of the brethren more recently connected with the mission, which got into the press, have done more than all the reports of enemies to weaken the interest of our friends in yr mission, and to make it difficult for us to get missionaries to go to yr ~~health~~ help. I can think of nothing more hazardous than for members of a mission 18000 miles distant, to endeavor, by direct communication with the churches, to correct what are conceived to be great misapprehensions. Had the strong communications been made only to us, such statements as we have made, and which I am happy to learn meet with the general approbation of the brethren would have placed the public mind in about the right attitude. But we will hope it was all for the best. We hope to send you two physicians next year; some clergymen, (but I fear not half the number you ask for;) and a number of schoolmasters. We shall aim to send the sixteen pastors requested and the twenty schoolmasters. We do not think it best, however, to send you half educated schoolmasters, even if we take a longer time to make up the number.

There is a lamentable deficiency of candidates for missionary employment, when we consider the urgent demand for them. We need eighty or ninety ordained missionaries at this moment to meet the urgent necessities of our several missions, besides a dozen physicians, and not less than thirty schoolmasters; and shall rejoice to send them all forth before the expiration of the year 1836; – but while the harvest is plenteous the laborers are few. Let us pray – let us pray! I am persuaded that nothing will bring us the missionaries we so urgently need but a rise of piety in the churches.

– I refer you to the December Herald for the proceedings at our last annual meeting. Br. Armstrong has not yet come among us, nor given his answer. We expect him in about a fortnight. I long for my whole time to be devoted to my own department. My health is good, but this is a dying world. Remember me very affectionately to Mrs B. &c.

R. A.

P.S. Yr biographical account of Mr Shepard is in Mr Greene's hands, to be used for the Miss^y Herald, but to what extent I do not know.

Mrs Shepard and her children are in Manlius N.Y. I had a letter from her a few days since; she was well.

Boston Nov. 4. 1835

Rev. Lorrin Andrews,
Lahainaluna, S. I.

My dear Brother,

Yr account of the rise and progress of the High school and yr letter of Dec. 21. 1834, were acknowledged in the general letter of Sept. 16^th. I now acknowledge them directly to yrself. By the vessel which took that letter (the   ) we sent you considerable apparatus of various descriptions, in addition to what we had previously sent, and we send more by the present opportunity, together with a number of books, of which Mr Chapman will send a list to Mr Chamberlain. More will be sent at a future time.

You must not think the time you spend in writing me, lost. It all furthers yr great object, more probably than you are aware of. A considerable part of yr account of the High School will be inserted in the appendix to our Report. Mr Poor, some years ago, received the impression that his duties in Ceylon forbad his writing much; I told him — what seemed obvious enough to my mind — that the way to interest the churches in his seminary was to keep a journal with special reference to it. He did so, and we published the greater part of it, and now the seminary at Batticotta is a well known institution. You must remember, too, that we at the Rooms are of the same nature with the people, our interest in yr enterprize will be proportioned to our knowledge of it.

I am glad to see you aiming to make an efficient institution. It must, however, grow up gradually — must pass through the stages of infancy, childhood, youth &c. All this will occupy at least some eight or a dozen years. However, though the Committee do not grant all that was proposed, they are not disposed to cramp you, as you will see by the general letter. We have five or six similar institutions under way in different parts of the world, and in the present state of our experience, we must go slow enough to avoid any great mistakes.

On the arrival of the present shipment, I wish a full and perfect list might be made out of the books and apparatus connected with the seminary. If you would have liberal pecuniary grants, also, you must see that we have specific propositions and estimates and the more specific you are in yr requests, the more likely you are to obtain what you want. Bear this in mind.

I see Mr Dibble is now at Lahainaluna, so that there are three of you. Well, let thorough work be made with the pupils. I would specially exhort you to give special attention to their spiritual condition. In this our Ceylon brethren have greatly excelled. Aim at the conversion and sanctification of every pupil. I am more and more impressed with the importance of having a class of *youth* as soon as it can be done advantageously. In no other way can you secure the thorough mental and moral discipline, which are so necessary. I suppose the best way to secure this object is to have a preparatory school, containing a small number of boarding scholars; but it will probably be difficult to obtain such, and secure them permanently in yr families and the school.

R. A.

Boston Nov. 4. 1835

Rev. Jonathan S. Green,
Wailuku, Sandw. Islds.

My dear brother,

In yr letter to Br. Greene of June last you state that some of the brethren are of opinion that many of the letters sent to the Rooms by members of the mission are not read at all. I was pained that any of the brethren thought so, and thank you that you did us the honor to think otherwise.

The impression is altogether erroneous. I read the letters and journals, if in town, always on their arrival, and as I read them I take memorandums of things requested, to be either procured by myself, or handed over to Mr Hill or Mr Chapman. Once more I read the letters when the time comes for preparing my part of the annual report, which is compiled from the manuscript, and not from printed copy. I now carefully observe whether any requests were overlooked in the first reading. These two readings are the only through readings I give them; but when I write you individually, as I always purpose to do once a year, I look over the letters to remind myself of the topics they contain, which I reply to as occasion demands or as my time permits. As I have no idea to what brethren you referred, I will thank you to inform them that the facts are as I have now stated them.

Perhaps some of their requests had not been attended to by the Hellespont. Whether Mr Chapman was able to attend to all his memorandums before that vessel sailed, I do not know. Brethren must be patient. We have other missions to attend to besides yours, and sometimes they all seem to call upon us at once. The two South African missions were in town when the Hellespont sailed.

From yr account of the character and disposition of the young chief at Wailuku, I was hoping Miss Brown might be assigned to yr station, and I am happy to hear that she has been. It seems, too, that Mr Alexander is now associated with you; so you are no longer alone. I trust through the blessing of God on yr united labors, a strong sanctifying influence will be exerted on the people of East Maui. We are trying hard to collect ministers, physicians, and schoolmasters for another large reinforcement. Our prospect for physicians is pretty good, but not so good for the other classes; but we have not a single man to send this autumn. The answers to the Circular did not come soon enough. Had we received them in the Spring (and a noble document they make) we should probably have been able to send you a reinforcement this fall.

You and Mr Alexander and yr partners will of course do all you can to make Miss Brown both happy and useful. Let her have full scope. When she has gained some knowledge of the language, the mission will probably put her in the way of teaching females from some of the other islands to spin and weave. How this can be done with sufficient guards for their moral character, I do not know. But there is a way of doing whatever ought to be done. I am often stimulated by this thought. A half a dozen females might perhaps be brought from the other islands; perhaps they might come with their husbands. A little expense for their living would not be inexpedient, perhaps. This will be a good subject for yr next annual meeting, if it did not receive attention at the last.

I expect to write Mr Alexander a few lines. Affectionate regards to Mrs G. &

R.A.

Boston Nov. 4. 1835.

Mr Levi Chamberlain,
Honolulu, Sandwich Isls.

My dear Brother,

I have before me yr letters of Aug. 26, and Oct. 9th 1834, and May 18th 1835. They were acknowledged in the general letter of Sept. 16th, but I am now happy to acknowledge them directly to yrself.

You ask pardon in one of them for addressing myself individually, rather than "the Secretaries". There is no irregularity in this. The direction to address "the Secretaries" of the Board was designed for the general public, because we must give some direction, and could not think of a better general rule. Yr mission is the only one that does it. While brother Wisner was living, the members of the churches at home, generally addressed him personally; the brethren of the Indian missions write directly to brother Greene, and the brethren of the missions abroad write directly to me. This is regular, for it accords with a known division of our duties and responsibilities. But if people are at a loss to whose department a particular duty belongs, they are sure of making no mistake by addressing "the Secretaries", and in point of fact many letters from individuals in the United States are so addressed. I make these remarks because I think it easier writing to some one person than to several. Letters are more free, especially if that person is our actual correspondent. You may therefore always write to me personally, and so may all the brethren if they choose, while I have the great happiness to sustain my present endeared relation to them.

We have not yet found an associate for you, though we have long been looking for one. It is by no means easy to light upon the right man. As a last resort we may perhaps send out a mere clerk, for a limited time on wages; but I am not yet satisfied that such a measure would on the whole relieve yr responsibilities very much; perhaps not at all.

The Committee are, and always have been entirely satisfied with yr management of the secular concerns of the mission. You need have no solicitude whatever on that score. Whatever may be the expenses of the mission, we have no doubt but they are much less than they would be were it not for the blessing of God on yr agency. Go on, dear Brother, and do the best you can, and you will be accepted of yr brethren, and what is infinitely more, of our Lord and Savior. Take all possible care of yr health, for it will be impossible, I fear, to supply yr place.

We well know that you cannot always exert an influence which shall be effectual upon any one department of the expenses of the mission. We have however had not great solicitude concerning them, unless it be the dwelling houses. In these, I trust as well as everything else the mission will aim to become an example to the better class of natives. As the mission is attracting a good deal of attention in the world, and is an object of free and unfriendly remarks among the enemies of missions, I am anxious to be prepared on all points to meet these attacks at the proper time, and should be glad to know what has been the expense of the buildings most likely to attract attention; — but not unless you can mention it without the trouble of tedious investigation. — I do not think it wise to subject the brethren to great exposure of health for the sake of bringing a part of the expenditures for building into future years. We can meet all necessary and proper expenditures as they rise; only let us have the means of explaining the *rationale* of the case.

Mrs Anderson has written twice to Mrs Chamlain, as she informs me, within a year. She desires an affectionate remembrance.

R.A.

Boston Nov. 5. 1835.

To the Rev. B. C. Meigs and }
his brethren, Ceylon. }

Dear Brethren,

I was absent from Boston in May last when the Shepherdess sailed with Messrs Perry and Lawrence and their wives, for yr mission. I was then seriously indisposed, but our gracious Lord was pleased soon after to restore my health perfectly. In August another opportunity occurred for sending letters to Ceylon; but the decease of brother Wisner and the occurrence of our annual meeting a month earlier than usual, left me not a moment at that time for correspondence. Mr Bullard, at my request, wrote you under date of Aug. 12th Mr Greene wrote you in May. Knowing that Mr Winslow had written you repeatedly, and was availing himself of every opportunity to write, I have the more willingly allowed myself to be controlled by circumstances, which, indeed, it has been rather difficult to withstand. I am hoping soon to have my whole time for the business of my own department, but we know not what a day may bring forth. Our home secretary will be able, I trust, to spend the greater part of his time at the Rooms. I feel perhaps more than any other man, how important this is. Heretofore I have had scarcely half my time for my more appropriate duties. If my hopes are answered, I shall hereafter write you more fully and more frequently.

The following official communications are to be answered; viz;

From Mr Meigs, dated June 23. 1834
Correspondence with Government on Mission to Madura.
Joint letter, dated Oct. 22, 1835.
From Mr Hutchings, dated Nov. 27, 1834; received Sept 16.
In From Mr Meigs, dated Feb. 24, 1835; recd Sept. 16.

In yr letter of June 23, 1834 you request a set of woodcuts in natu ral history. We have negociated for the privilege of taking castings from the cuts in Comstock's Natural History of Beasts & Birds. What detains the cuts I do not know, but they were to have been here in time to procure castings for this opportunity. They were shipped from Hartford about three weeks since. We hope also to send you a variety of cuts from Peter Parley's works, but have not yet received our answer from him to our application.

Two years ago, we proposed to the Board, at the recommendation of the Mahratta mission, to elect two gentlemen of that Presidency corresponding members of the Board. So much difficulty was felt by members of the Board, and so much objection made, although Mr Graves was present, because the mission had not assigned the reasons in favor of the particular gentlemen named, that our Committee about concluded not to propose candidates in similar circumstances again. Your recommendation was in the following words:—"I am also directed to suggest to you the propriety of appointing Col Cadell and Mr Clulow of Madrass Corresponding Members of the Board. We think there would be a propriety and advantage in so doing." You then give their address. It would have been well to have given us some account of each of these gentlemen, and of the reasons why it would be advantageous to the cause to elect them. If the mission is still favorable to their election, please communicate the desired information concerning them.

The visit of Mr Winslow to this country has in various ways been very serviceable to the cause of missions. Perhaps I ought to explain why he has made no effort to raise the fund of 50.000 dollars, which you deemed desirable in connection with yr seminary. The subject came up twice in the Committee; once soon after his arrival, and again in June last; when the following entry was made in the Records of the Committee; viz.

"A recent donation of $425, as the foundation of a scholarship in the missionary seminary in Ceylon, led to a conversation on the expediency of encouraging the formation of permanent funds in the missionary seminaries of the Board. The sense of the Committee was, that they are not expedient."

This view of the subject was communicated to the donor, and he appropriated the money to the general objects of the Board. It enters into the plan of our operations to have seminaries in all our larger missions. Some of the objections to such funds are the following.

1. They are unnecessary. The necessary funds for them can be obtained from year to year.
2. The great inconvenience of so many distinct permanent funds, or even disposable funds.
3. The jealousies to which such accumulation of funds would give rise towards the Board, on account of its supposed wealth. Funds annually received, and as promptly expended, even though large, will excite comparatively but little jealousy.
4. It is better there should be nothing belonging to the mission seminaries which the Board cannot dispose of when the seminaries are no longer needed.
5. Better, too, that the whole machinery abroad should be dependent, under God, upon the churches; and that the missionaries and the Board and the churches should feel this dependence from year to year and always.

Permanent funds are in much less repute now in this country, than they were a few years since. Whatever is needed for the seminary will be furnished from time to time directly from the Treasury of the Board.

On the 10th of July the Committee adopted the following resolution, which I commend to the particular attention of the mission.

"Resolved, That the several missions of the Board be requested to transmit to the Committee, as soon as possible, a description of all the real estate owned by the Board in connection with the missions; together with the cost of said property; its present value, and by what tenure, and in whose name, it is held."

I also send out a number of blanks for an annual tabular view, one of which properly filled, I beg you will have the goodness to send each year in time for our annual report. Of course it ought to be sent immediately after the close of the year.

The unexpected sending of a number of Greek young men to this country for education, gave rise to the following resolution adopted in August:—

"Resolved — That the several missions of the Board be instructed in no case to send young men to this country for education, hereafter, at the expense of the Board, nor to consign them to the care of the Committee, unless the consent of the Committee shall have first been obtained."

Mr Winslow was present when I read to the Committee yr letter of Nov. 27, 1834, in reply to the resolutions on the subject of a printing establishment at Madrass. The following is the minute then entered upon our records:—

"The Committee having heard a letter from the Ceylon mission in reply to the resolutions recorded at page 338, Vol. III; and also statements from the Rev. Miron Winslow on the subject, it was decided that no further action in the case was demanded of the Committee, until they shall have heard again from the mission subsequent to the return of Mr Winslow."

A considerable part of yr reasoning goes on the assumption that a mission is contemplated at Madras. This is a mistake. We contemplated nothing but a printing establishment, to be connected with the mission in the southern part of India. I have written to the London Society and explained to them our views on the subject of printing establishments established in the great marts of commerce — that we do not regard them as encroachment upon the missions of other societies, though such societies may have missions there. For instance all the societies operating in southern India, will naturally have their larger printing establishments in Madras; those in northern India at Calcutta; those in Eastern Asia, at Singapore; — But I need not enlarge on this topic, as Mr Winslow will be present to make all the necessary explanations. The Committee are still strongly inclined to have their principal printing establishment for the Tamul language at Madras, and not in Jaffna, and still less at Madura. But they will wait to hear from the mission.— The prospect of more missionaries to send out, the next year, to southern India, is far less favorable than I could wish. For the latter part of 1837, our prospects are better. We greatly need a revival of religion in our American Israel, or the absorbing interest of local questions, and that influence fiercely unsanctified, will greatly diminish the little interest that is now taken in the salvation of the world abroad. The precise thing needed amongus to increase the number of missionary candidates very greatly is a general revival of religion. Let us pray, then, the Lord of the harvest, that he would be pleased to revive his work in the churches at home, and call the so much needed laborers into the harvest field.

The Committee sympathise with you in feelings of affectionate respect for our departed brother Woodward. On the 21st ulto, after hearing what is said in one of yr letters on the subject, they adopted the following resolution:—

"Resolved,— That the Committee deeply sympathize with Mrs Woodward, of the Ceylon mission, in her recent bereavement, and authorize her to return to this country with her four children, at the expense of the Board; provided the interests of the cause do not, in the judgment of the Ceylon mission, render her longer stay in Jaffna, on the whole, adviseable."

The subject of Mrs Woodward's return is therefore referred to the mission, and you will give her such advice as you deem on the whole, most suitable.

I will introduce here, lest I forget it, a subject of some practical importance to us at the Missionary rooms. The pages of some of yr letters are uncomfortably crowded and difficult to be read by those whose eyes are weakened by much use, as is the case with brother Greene and myself. We are ready to think that the increase of postage is nothing in comparison with the tax put upon our poor eyes by some of our brethren. Perhaps no mission however, has sent sent us so many beautifully written letters as yours, and letters written so plainly that there was no draw-back to the pleasure of reading them. We have to do much of our reading by candle light, and when the eye rebels at every line, the writer is in danger of losing half his labor. I shall be excused for these suggestions.

One more stricture and only one. In yr letter of Oct. 22d is the following passage." a fount of Tamul types has lately been received from Madras. --- new tracts have been printed, and old tracts reprinted, making ---- pages;" &c. But why should I remark upon the absence of a report of the operations of yr press, since it was so evidently accidental? The answers to some questions in our Circular, will secure us the information we desire in respect to yr past operations in printing, and I trust in season for our twenty seventh Report. The blank returns, which accompany this, will show what we want in future, in the way of statistical information &c.

Mr Winslow will explain to you how exceedingly important it is that the waters from our Bible and Tract societies should be permitted to flow out without obstruction upon the heathen world; — I mean, important in reference to the cause of benevolence at home. It would seem that the grand difficulty is no longer how we may get money to expend for Bibles and Tracts among the heathen, but how that money may be judiciously and promptly expended. I think it is perhaps difficult for brethren who have been absent ten or fifteen years, fully to realize this change in the state of things among our churches. But the united testimony of ~~other~~ all our agents, and of brethren in the other great kindred institutions is, that far more *money* might be obtained for extending the gospel among the heathen, could it be clearly shown how it may be judiciously expended. With a given number of agents, there are bounds in the printing and circulation of Bibles and Tracts, beyond which we cannot go, and ought not to go. Our work has other departments, which must not be neglected. However, by diligent and prayerful attention to the subject, and by reducing our operations to the most exact system, we may, with the same number of agents, gradually extend our plans and multiply our efforts. I earnestly hope that you will not fail to inform us from year to year, how large sums you *can* expend for the Bible and Tract societies, and also what amount you will need directly from our Treasury. Yr requests for money, paper, apparatus for press, schools &c. (according to general usage now) should come with the sanction of the mission. The remark in the preceding sentence grows out of an effort we are making in reference to all the missions, to bring the wants in each department of the several missions annually, or oftener, into the united deliberations of the respective missions. According to our theoretical notions, all orders and requests, except for the private wants of individuals and families, come from the mission, regarded as an organized and responsible community. The mission however, may of course act by committees, having the immediate superintendence of the press, &c. &c. As orders for paper &c, involve heavy expenditures, some one or more members of the mission should be united with the printer on the committee for making them out. The orders of the Principal of the Seminary for books and apparatus are official, and are received like any other application from the mission. The necessities of the local schools for apparatus, had better come under the cognizance of some committee appointed for the purpose, who shall embody the whole in a single application. You would save labor at the Rooms if the whole subject of applications for articles to meet yr various necessities, were reduced as much as possible to system. In whatever way they come we shall attend to them.

The locations and employments of the several members of yr mission, are left by the Committee with the mission to decide. This is now the usage of the Committee in respect to all the larger and organized missions. Although Mr Eckard went out with a reference to the Seminary, his continuance in that connection was of course subject to the same rules which applied to the residence of his brethren at their several posts of duty. The Committee approve of his removal to Madura. His own letter on the subject is very honorable to his missionary character.

Our brethren at Madura write us, that their native assistants from Jaffna are reluctant to be so far from their homes. This fact will of course, receive all the attention it deserves. If the Jaffna youth are unwilling to go upon the continent, shall we have another seminary there? This thought we cannot now entertain for a moment. Circumstances seem to suggest that the principal book manufactory for the Tamul people should be on the continent, but we have always regarded the seminary for the whole people as being and to be in Jaffna. Will it not be found practicable to bring youth from Madura to be educated at Batticotta? The plan of enlarging the number of youth in the seminary to three hundred, was, of course, with reference to our whole missionary operation among the Tamul people.

The refreshing from on high which you enjoyed at the close of the last year was seasonable, not only in reference to the precious souls to whom it brought salvation, but also in respect to our plan of conducting missions among the heathen. There were strong symptoms a year ago, among some of our "ultra" friends, of an attack upon our schools as being anti-apostolical. But when this revival came, in addition to all the others, in yr schools, and the results became known, there seemed nothing left in reference to the schools in Ceylon, but praise to God for his marvellous goodness. The greater part of Mr Poor's account of the first nine days is inserted in the Report. We hope for a carefully prepared history of the whole work of grace, ere long.

Allow me again to refer to our Circular. Had all the missions bestowed half as much time and labor upon replies to it, as the Sandwich Islands mission has, I verily believe a new era would have marked our enterprise. Is it not now desirable that we should have a complete view of the Tamul field? You have now traversed it in so many directions, and resided so long in that part of the world, that you can embody a great amount of most useful information. The questions in the Circular inform you what information we need ~~for~~ to lay our plans for occupying the whole field which properly appertains to us. As it is, we have *precise* information only sufficient to enable us to plan and make our appeals for Jaffna and Madura. We long to familiarize the churches with great definite plans. When we first proposed to send twenty missionaries out in one year, many were startled at our temerity, who now calmly hear us declare our readiness to send out sixty in a year. We wish to familiarize our patrons with great territories, and numerous districts well peopled, claiming their immediate attention. To give definite views, we bring in geography to our aid;— tell whether the people live on plains or hills, or among mountains, or near the banks of rivers, or by the sea. In every way we try to give the churches distinct views of the several great fields. This is one object, as you may have perceived, we have had in view in the "Instructions to missionaries" during the past three years. Now give us all the materials you can for such views. Do not regard it as beside yr appropriate duty. It is not. One of yr duties is to exert a leading influence in awakening an interest in the chhs at home, in the welfare of the millions to whom you have been sent. This you can easily do by watching opportunities, and seizing them when they come. We do not want fancy pictures, nor exaggerations, but facts, from eyewitnesses.

Would it not be well to send us several elementary works in Tamul, to be placed in the hands of brethren going out to yr mission? We have a few that would probably have been thus used, had I been at home when the Shephardess sailed. I believe we have no lexicon and no grammar.

I see the bishop of Calcutta has been endeavoring to banish caste from the native chhs in south India. It would appear, too, from the Asiatic journal, that the subject excites much feeling in a portion of the nominal christians in that part of India, and that worldly minded Europeans, not very friendly to missions, are disposed to take part with the conservatives. We should be glad to know how far caste is tolerated in yr churches; for, through yr children, or in other ways, facts or impressions get abroad, now and then, which need to be attended to. It is said, among other things, that yr native preachers cling to the distinctions of caste; also, that one of them does not eat with his wife. It is said, also, that the native preachers will not eat with most of the church members, because they are of lower caste. We are not to require the manners of eastern nations of course conformed to our occidental notions; but we should be glad to know what are some of the most striking variations from them among yr chh-members, because reports may sometimes require to be met and contradicted by facts; and we should be glad, also, to have yr matured views as to what is desirable on the whole. Can you not make a distinction between caste and custom, and aim to abolish the one, while you attempt no needless innovations on the other? I know the subject must be surrounded with difficulties; but it may, on that very account, need attention the more at the outset of yr ecclesiastical institutions and usages.

I thank you for the list of outfit you were so good as to send us. This as you may have observed, was one thing requested in the Circular.

The minutes of the last annual meeting of the Board will inform you of what was done at that meeting. I have no doubt that the exposition of the claims of returned missionaries and assistant missionaries, then made, as far as it goes will be satisfactory to missionaries generally. The rules then adopted are properly an exposition or explanation, not legislation _de novo_. As far as I understood the nature and relations of this subject, you have no more reason to be anxious about yr widows, should you leave any, than the ministers of Christ at home have. How easily might we all, if we overlooked the power and promise of Christ, make ourselves unhappy about the future lot of our widows and children. Thus far the Lord has taken a very gracious care of yr children, and he will take care of their parents who trust in him. Only pursue yr work unto the end, and I verily believe the Head of the church will see that yr children lose nothing by yr so doing.

Desiring a continued interest in yr prayers, I am &c

R A.

Boston Nov 6. 1835.

Rev. Messrs Todd, Eckard, &c }
Madura }

Dear brethren,

It is with great pleasure I address you at a new mission on continental India. May you be spared to see the tender plant which you have planted there, become a great tree, overspreading the whole land with its branches.

I have received a letter from Mr Todd, dated Dec. 23, 1834; another from Messrs Todd and Hoisington dated Dec. 24; and another from Mr Eckard, dated 29, 1835; Mr Todd's journal, recd Feby 19, was acknowledged by Mr Greene May 14, 1835. We are altogether satisfied with the district selected for the commencement of the enterprize. It appears to be a goodly land which the Lord our God has given us. And I am glad to see that you are so desirous of taking possession of it at once. When we shall get the seven and twenty missionaries you ask for, I am wholly unable to say, but it was well to ask for them if you see how they could be situated advantageously. I have been urging upon our brethren in Ceylon to forward an elaborate reply to the Circular we sent them two or three years since. As it embraces the whole Tamul people they will probably need yr aid. at any rate, if I have any copies left I will send you one, that you may write answers so far as they relate more especially to yr mission.

I am concerned to hear that the Tamul youth are so averse to remaining on the continent, and not less concerned that Mr Eckard's remarks should so strongly imply that you deem an independent course of education necessary for raising up yr native helpers. The necessity of a new seminary, that is, of two seminaries for the Tamul people must be prevented if possible. It would be worth a great effort to do this. To furnish apparatus &c for a seminary, is very expensive, and we have seminaries to rear in all the different nations where we have missions. If the Jaffna youth are unwilling to live on the continent, why not educate continental youth at the Batticotta seminary? Our principal establishment for printing will doubtless be at Madras, and will be under the immediate direction of yr mission; and our idea is and has always been, that the principal seminary for education will be in Jaffna. The two missions will of course give early attention to this subject. I have written the Ceylon brethren concerning it. It will be natural for both missions to wish to have every thing complete within their respective limits. You are not however, to be rival missions and all feelings of rivalry should be checked at the outset. We regard you as branches of the same mission. Should there be another branch quite distan from you, it might be expedient that that ~~might~~ be as independent of you as you are of the Ceylon mission. But so far as the larger operations are concerned, as printing and the higher branches of education, we should look upon you all as one missi still. We cannot make every seperate branch of a mission among people speaking the same language, complete in all its means of operating upon mind. The expense would be needlessly enhanced. You can all have yr common schools, and yr boarding schools, and yr schools perhaps of educating teachers of common schools, and possibly a small printing establishment; but the *power presses* and the *college* could not be given to each branch. The power presses must also be, if possible, in some mart of comm

It somehow happened that when I read Mr Eckard's letter, I did not take memorandums of his requests, according to my usage, and hence Mr Chapman had not the memorandums before our purchases for the Tamul missions went on to Philadelphia for the Charles Wharton. Perhaps I may be able to procure some of the articles at Philadelphia;

but if not, they shall be sent by the first opportunity from Boston.

How important, dear brethren, as you are commencing in some respects, a new mission that you begin in the right manner. Begin every thing right. Begin too, in the exercise of a high degree of piety. We have observed that as missions commence so their character is likely to remain. If they commence with a secular spirit, that spirit is hard to be rooted out. If they commence with divided counsels, it is hard to get them perfectly united. If they are united, and active, and spiritual, such is apt to be the character of the mission.

The Committee approve of the resolutions determining the relations existing between the two missions, and have inserted them in the annual Report of the Board. The views I have taken in this letter are in accordance with them.

The next reinforcement we send to the Tamul mission will probably be directly to yr branch of it. We rather expect that Mr Dwight will join you. Should he do so, as he was bred a merchant originally, he will make a good treasurer for you. When you are organized, and we receive notice of yr appointment of a treasurer, and of the amount of yr pecuniary necessities, Mr Hill will probably make a remittance of funds directly to yr mission. At present all his remittances are to the Ceylon mission which will supply you with funds.

I send you two or three blanks for annual returns. Send one properly filled as soon as possible after the close of each year, to be in season for our annual report.

The minutes of our annual meeting in the November Herald will show you what was done by the Board at its late meeting. Mr Armstrong is expected in a few days, though he has not yet formally given his answer. I hope soon to have more of my time for the duties of my own department, as the Home Secretary will remain more at the Rooms than heretofore. Besides, Mr Greene and myself have been alone for three years out of the last five. But we know not what a day may bring forth. Which of us is to go next and how soon, is known only to Infinite Wisdom. The fact that I am now older than either of my colleagues is an admonition to me. Pray for me, dear brethren, pray for us all. The Lord be with you.

R.A.

P.S. I add the following resolution with which please comply as soon as may be;

"Resolved — That the several missions of the Board be requested to transmit to the Committee as soon as possible a description of all the real estate owned by the Board in connection with the missions together with the cost of said property: its present value; and by what tenure and in whose name it is held.

Boston Nov. 6, 1835

To the Mission at the Sandwich
Islands.

Dear Brethren,

I wrote you Sept. 16th a letter of five sheets by the Genl Glover. Presuming that letter will reach you safely I will merely transcribe the following resolutions from the records of the Prudential Committee. They were, I believe, appended to that letter.

"Resolved — That the several missions of the Board be requested to transmit to the Committee, as soon as possible, a description of all the real estate owned by the Board in connection with the missions, together with the cost of said property, its present value, and by what tenure and in whose name it is held."

"Resolved, — That the Sandwich Islands mission be authorized to spend four thousand (4000) dollars during the year 1836, in addition to the annual grant of one thousand dollars for that year, in the erection of buildings for the High School at Lahainaluna; also, eighteen hundred (1800) dollars if necessary during the same year, in the erection of schoolhouses at such stations as the mission may decide: and fifteen hundred (1500) dollars, if necessary, in the support of native teachers."

"Resolved — that the Secretaries and Treasurer be authorized to supply the mission at the Sandwich Islands with such school apparatus, from time to time, as they may deem necessary."

The following resolution grew out of the sending several Greek young men to this country for education.

"Resolved — that the several missions of the Board be instructed in no case to send young men to this country, hereafter, for education, at the expense of the Board, nor to consign them to the care of the Committee, unless the consent of the Committee shall have first been obtained."

By the General Glover I wrote to Messrs Rogers, Tinker, and Richards, and to Miss Ogden. By the La Grange I write to Messrs Bingham, Chamberlain, Andrews, and Green; and should write to others, were not missionaries about to embark at Philadelphia for Ceylon. I hope to write to at least all the other brethren who have written to me the past year, by a vessel to sail near a month hence. I believe Mr Hill receives most of the articles now on hand for that vessel, on account of the greater cheapness of freight. We send pamphlets, letters &c by the La Grange. When the other vessel shall have sailed, I believe there will be none of yr requests unattended to.

On the 2nd inst I received the letters sent across the country by Messrs Clark, Gulick, Bishop, Baldwin & Lyons, and written in June last. The requests in these letters were *memorandumed*, according to my invariable practice, immediately on receiving the letters, and the memorandums handed over to the proper persons. The articles requested will go this autumn. We shall be unable however, to send you another reinforcement before the next summer. Had we received yr answer to the Circular last spring, it might, perhaps, have been otherwise. We have a physician engaged for next summer, and have the prospect of at least one other. We hope to send you three.

I write now in haste. Desiring to be remembered in yr prayers I am &c.

R. A.

Boston Nov. 6. 1835

Rev. James Read Eckard, }
Madura, }

My dear Brother,

I was much pleased with yr letter giving yr views on the subject of yr removal to Madura. It was honorable to yr missionary character. I can conceive of no motive which should lead the brethren of the mission to judge wrong in this case. They doubtless believed the cause would be advanced by the change, and therefore did their duty in proposing it. You will have no reason to regret it. So far as the public is concerned, it is merely a change from one station to another. In our Report you stand as a missionary residing at Batticotta. Now we shall publish you as a missionary residing at Madura.

I feel great solicitude respecting our brother Wilson at Cape Palmas. Mrs Wilson wrote me on the 15th of June that he had not received from the effects of fever on the brain in the preceding March. I fear his constitution was impaired. We shall write advising them to visit their native land by the first opportunity. My fear is, that he may not live to ~~see~~ receive my letter. He had had three successive attacks of fever. She had had two, but would seem to have been pretty well when she wrote. How mysterious the ways of Providence! Our prayer is that their precious lives may be spared, for all Western Africa seems in a measure to be suspended on them.

But I must close, for I wish this evening to write them by way of London to come home. Adieu.

R.A.

P.S. I have written another letter to Mr Todd and yrself conjointly. I must not fail to congratulate you and Mrs Eckard on having the rich gift of a daughter. May the child live and become an ornament to the religion of her Parents.

Boston Nov. 6. 1835

Rev. William Ellis,
For. Secy &c, London,

Dear brother,

I am exceedingly anxious to get the enclosed letter to Cape Palmas by the earliest opportunity, as the most probable means of saving the life of our valuable missionary, Mr Wilson. You will do us, and may be doing the cause, a great favor by taking such pains as yr duties will permit to send it. If you know of no opportunity perhaps the secretaries of the Chh Missy Socy may.

Yr letter and the sheets of Mrs Ellis's Memoir we duly received. Messrs Crocker and Brewster will republish it. The portrait is in the hands of the engraver and the first sheets are in the printer's hands. I will write a short preface, Providence permitting. As far as I have yet had time to read, I am much interested in the little work. — By the way you went on board the Steamboat at Providence, not at Hartford, when I accompanied you from Boston. This and any other similar errors, if I discover any, I shall correct.

I saw Mr Thomson. He brought not a single letter of introduction to any one, so far as I have heard. I had occasion to me yr remarks concerning him, with my brother Brigham of the Bible society. It was important that I had them. They probably went no farther. I presume he has gone to take up his residence in Illinois. His prospects of obtaining a livelihood are not promising; at least, I see not how they can be.

If Mr Jackson thinks we give him a good deal of trouble by our small orders for books, I wish you would have the goodness to say to him that the books he sends in compliance with them are very useful

R.A.

[The following was enclosed in the foregoing]

Boston Nov. 6. 1835

My dear brother and sister Wilson,

Mrs Wilson's letter of June 15th afforded my mind some measure of relief, for it was the first positive informa- I had received concerning you since the date of Doct. Hall's letter in March. It assured me that you were both alive three months after that severe and dangerous attack. It has however, left a painful apprehension on my mind that Mr Wilson may fall a sacrifice to disease before I can get a letter to him. I have written to Baltimore to ascertain how I can send a letter, and this goes by way of London.

Our Committee have voted to authorize and instruct you both to visit the U. States by the first suitable opportunity, unless Mr Wilson shall have regained his health when this letter reaches you. If no opportunity occurs direct to the U. States, leave Cape Palmas as soon as may be for any other healthy part of the world, Cape Town, Rio de Janeiro, or England. The increase of expense will not be such as to require you to hazard so great an exposure of life as remaining at Cape Palmas involves in the state of Mr Wilson's health in June. You know my views as to the desirableness of yr lives to Western Africa. Come home, then, and recruit yr health, and see what the will of the Lord will then be.

You will no doubt be able, without much fatigue, to place the house and yr effects in such a condition that they will not greatly suffer in yr absence.

Write me a few lines by every opportunity, telling me where you are, how you are, and what are yr prospects. Be of good courage. The Lord has wise reasons doubtless, for this severe discipline. Perhaps he is preparing you for great usefulness yet in his chh on earth but possibly for greater felicity in his presence above.

Remember you have full permission to visit this country, unless yr health has been restored, and to come directly, or by way of England, or any other healthy course. May the Lord guide and bless you, and permit you to see many years of arduous and successful labor. Mrs Anderson desires an affectionate remembrance &c

R.A.

P.S. I have been writing yr brother Eckard this evening. They have removed to Madura, our new mission among the Tamul people in South India. They wrote me in good health and spirits in January. They mention a daughter as among their mercies, born Aug. 10th —

Boston Nov. 9. 1835

Rev. Daniel Poor,
Batticotta, Ceylon,

My dear Brother,

The letters &c from yrself to be acknowledged, are the following, for which we have much reason to thank you.

Letter dated Dec. 4th & 10th, 1834, and duplicate of the same.
Letter dated Decr 15th, 1834.
Letter dated Dec. 31st Notices of station
Letter dated March 7th 1835.
Journal from Jan. 5. 1834 to June 30th — also,
Letters from graduated seminarists to yrself, and notes from members of the seminary during the late revival.

Memorandums & of the Books, &c. which you requested were handed over, agreeably to my usage, to our depository, and I doubt not the articles are all by this time in Philadelphia. I am happy to say, also, that the boxes for Warren and for Prof. Kellogg arrived a few days since, and are now on their way, or at any rate will soon be, to their respective designations

I hear a good account of Warren, and Mary I had the pleasure of seeing not many weeks since. Poor girl, she had a solitary feeling overpower her on coming into the city. She came directly to my house in the stage, after parting with her companion, not doubting but we were in town, and found us in the country, and a strange family in the house. It was however, a pious kind family, and they persuaded her to go in and spend the night. The next day they brought her down to the Rooms, and I observed her hiding her tears as the lady told me the story. I immediately got a chaise and took her home with me, and was very glad of the opportunity. She is a well educated, pious, and very interesting female, whom I pray the Lord to send back to Ceylon in his own best time and manner. Susan is also a member of the church of Christ; so that all yr children are now professedly, and I trust truly following their father and mother on pilgrimmage to the heavenly country. If so, the greater point is gained, and another great point, to wit, their usefulness on earth, we may expect will follow through the grace of our Lord Jesus.

Mr Winslow will inform you of their temporal affairs. I wrote to Mary Annis that we should very gladly make an appropriation for Susan; but have had no reply. I wrote you a year ago that Genl. Van Rensselaer offered to educate some one youth, and that we had nominated Warren to him. Warren's case was at that time most pressing, and we were very glad to make so good a disposition of it. I do not know that Warren himself has yet heard of the fact. We thought it best he should not at present.

I see you are every year recording some new lesson of experience as learned concerning the manner of conducting yr seminary, or concerning yr intercourse with the people. We too, are all the while learning, and I suppose always shall be. I suppose we shall scarcely designate the particular employment or department of labor of any missionary again, before sending him out to an organized and established mission, ~~again~~ nor the station he shall occupy. We never had any thought that Mr Eckard would succeed you, in any event, as Principal of the Seminary: that post would naturally be filled by one of the older brethren. His letter giving me an account of his removal to Madura, and the reasons for it, is very honorable to him as a christian missionary. I have written to him that though he was sent out with special reference to his occupying a post of instruction in the seminary, his continuance there was subject to the same rule as the continuance of any other missionary at his station; that is, it was deferred to the discretion of the mission as such.

I was specially interested in the letters you were so good as to send me from the graduated seminarists scattered in different places. They gave me more insight into the characters of this class of ~~persons~~ young natives, than I had obtained before. In this respect I was more interested in them, than I was in the thirty notes you received from seminarists during the revival. It is evident you sustain a peculiar and responsible relation to these young men, and that you ought not to change it without the most weighty reasons, very maturely considered. I refer of course to a suggestion in yr letter to Mr Winslow which you sent open to me as you may remember. It is a subject, however, which we may safely leave in the hands of the mission. The churches are now familiarized with the notion of the seminary under yr superintendence, and they are satisfied to have it so. I am happy to say, too, that they very highly esteem our dear brother Winslow, who has every where made an excellent impression. I am glad he came home, and that he has remained with us so long, and I rejoice in the good he has done. I would give considerable to get behind the curtain, if it were lawful, and hear the report he will make to you on his return. He is a good brother, and our Committee will long remember the last hour they spent with him, lately, at my house. Verily there are no where so many sweet heavenly seasons scattered along, as in the missionary enterprise.

The greater part of yr account of the first nine days of the late gracious visitation to yr mission, we thought it best to insert in the Report. We are now looking for a full and well written history of the whole work. Desiring affectn regards to Mrs P. &c.

R.A.

Boston Nov. 9. 1835.

Rev. Levi Spaulding,
Jaffna, Ceylon,

My dear brother,

I have received yr letter of Feb. 28th 1835, and yr journal of yr tour on the continent. The address enclosed in yr letter, I sent to Mr B. B. Edwards, and presume he will insert it in his Quarterly Register.

A few minutes since I was in company with the two Mr Abbotts. I inquired of Mr John Abbott concerning yr daughter E. She is now with him at Roxbury and is well. You have indeed great reason to give thanks for the evidence she gives that she is one of the lambs in the Redeemer's increasing flock. No doubt he will take good care of her, though her father and mother be 18.000 miles off. Indeed it is interesting to me to survey the little company of children from yr mission. I question whether there is an association of ministers in this state, where so large a proportion of the children of the ministers become hopefully pious so early in life. Let us praise the Lord for his goodness, and take courage for the future

I thank you for the Journal of yr continental tour. You represent yourself as writing little more than what the missionaries *in locis* have written before you. What you have written however, is none the less interesting to the good people of this country, who read, and who will read, as a body, little about the heathen world except what is written by American Missionaries. Never be deterred from describing an object or thing worth reading about, because an English missionary has described it before you. Besides, it is a satisfaction, and it is useful to all of us to know whether one of our brethren takes the same view of it with one from another country. And again, it is too lamentably true, that good people learn very slowly on missionary subjects, and need line upon line. and the same line often repeated.

I wish you would write me such "local news in local style," (save and except the Samuels) as you communicated to brother Winslow. The more *intimately* we are acquainted with the state of things among you, the more able shall we be to help you. I will promise to conform to instructions with regard to publishing, and at the same time should like as much discretionary power on that score as you deem safe.

What a blessed refreshing you were favored with at the close of the last year! Yr mission is now becoming a spectacle to men as well as to angels. It is in some important respects taking the lead of all the missions of the Board, and very great and increasing consequences are depending on yr measures and their results — more especially in the department of education. The union of purpose, feeling, counsel, operation with which yr mission has been blessed from the beginning, is also provoking some of our other missions to strive together for the same things. Is there no way in which yr mission can help onward the Mahratta mission? I ask this question privately for the consideration of some of the older brethren. Should it come in the way of one or two of the older brethren to visit that mission, and spend two or three months there, and attend some of their business meetings, great good might result. It is even worth considering whether a deputation from yr mission, sent formally to visit the brethren and see how they do, might not be useful. I merely throw out this hint which has just occurred to me.

Remember me affect^y to Mrs S. &c

R. A.

Boston Nov. 10. 1835

Mrs C. E. T. Woodward,
Jaffna, Ceylon,

My dear Madam,

The Lord has seen fit again to write you a widow, but has, I trust at the same time enabled you doubly to realize the preciousness of his promises to the widow, and also to the fatherless children. — "A Father to the fatherless, and the widow's God and Judge" — you would not banish this sentence from yr memory for millions of gold and silver. We had indeed, for some time anticipated yr dear husband's decease, and were in a measure prepared for it, as probably you were yrself. He was spared to do much for the cause of his Savior, and the last thing he was enabled to do—procuring the assent of government to our extending our operations to the continent—will connect his history with that of Swartz and a host of worthies in India. The memory of the good is blessed, and their children and children's children are blessed on their account.

The Prudential Committee, at a meeting on the 21st ulto adopted the following resolution; viz,

"Resolved—That the Committee deeply sympathize with Mrs Woodward, of the Ceylon mission, in her recent bereavement, and authorize her to return to this country, with her four children, at the expense of the Board; provided the interests of the cause do not, in the judgment of the Ceylon mission, render her longer in Jaffna on the whole advisable."

A copy of this resolution has been embraced in the general letter to the mission. You perceive the subject is referred to the mission for them to consider and act upon it. The mission will also be most competent to advise you as to the best manner of yr return, in case that is thought advisable. I would only say, do not come by way of England, and come if possible direct from Columbo, or Madras. Do not let the thought that you shall be a lone widow in yr native land, harrass yr mind in the prospect of yr return. You will find yrself surrounded with kind sympathizing friends, and we will do what we can, as the servants of our common Lord and Master, to cheer yr journey of life.

May the Lord Jesus graciously bless you, dear Madam, and yr dear children. Mrs A. desires her affectn regards &c—

R.A.

Boston Nov. 10th 1835

Rev. John Scudder, M.D. }
Jaffna, Ceylon. }

My dear Brother,

I suppose you have been so occupied in the concerns of yr new station, that you have not found it possible to write us as fully and freely as in years past. You are now becoming more settled, and I trust we shall hear from you as usual. The only letter from you, which I find on my files, is one dated Oct. 1st 1834, of which Mr Meigs sent me a copy. It was received in June last. I have heard from you, however, since then, through the general letters; and it appears that you were engaged with the other brethren in that interesting work of grace with which the seminary was blessed, near the close of last year. I beg you will write me, dear brother, freely and fully, and as often as you can with convenience.

I wrote you some months since on the subject of our relations to the Refd Dutch Church, stating that nothing has transpired which in the least affected yr relations to the mission in Jaffna. It is of the utmost consequence to the cause at large, that our efforts to bring about union and co-operation among the churches at home, should not disturb the unity and consequent effeciency of our operations abroad. We are about sending out three or four members of that church to commence a new mission in the Indian Archipelago, in which they may, if they choose, organize their ecclesiastical affairs according to the usages of their own churches. This should always be left to the majority. I think there is a prospect that a portion of the R. D. Churches will take hold of missions with considerable zeal, but there are pretty serious obstacles to be overcome.

Yr temperance Society is an interesting association. By the way, are there not more castes that go on the principle of total abstinence from intoxicating drinks of all kinds? Some more precise information than we have yet had on this subject, would be acceptable:— about the temperate — the intemperate — the intoxicating drinks — the extent of their use — the obstacles to reform — the facilities — and the extent of reformation.

Desiring affectionate regards to Mrs Scudder — who will very joyfully welcome her sister on missionary ground — I am &c

R. A.

P.S. Dr John C. Warren of this city made me promise to ask you, if you could send him the *scull* of some Hindoo of yr part of Ceylon. Some few facts concerning it, I suppose he would also desire.

Boston Nov. 24. 1835

Rev. John Leighton Wilson,
Cape Palmas,

My dear Brother,

I wrote you from Philadelphia a few days since, the letter to go by the vessel which takes this from Baltimore. I now write to say that Mr Hill makes you a remittance by this vessel of money and articles such as you requested in one of yr letters written in Feb. or March. I also enclose two letters from friends which have been waiting for an opportunity [sentence erased] I erase the preceding sentence, being glad to recollect that Mr Armstrong goes directly to Baltimore, and can take on all the papers, pamphlets, &c. which are due to you, and also this letter.

My former letter and also one I sent by way of London, will inform you that the Committee consent to yr visiting this country, with Mrs Wilson, if such a visit be necessary to the restoration of yr health. You will be able to judge correctly by the time this reaches you.

My anxiety on yr account has been great, but on the whole I have had a prevailing hope that the Lord would preserve you both alive, and that yr afflictions would tend to the furtherance of the cause. Be of good courage. Do not write much till yr health has been restored, but then let us hear about yr prospects.

I write in great haste. The Lord Jesus be with you.

R.A.

Boston Dec. 2, 1835

To the Mission at Constantinople,

Dear Brethren,

On the other side of this sheet you have a statement of the grants made to our Board, at different periods for the last three years, by the American Bible & Tract societies. My object in calling yr attention to this subject is to request you to give us information respecting the expenditure of such of these appropriations as have been received by yr mission. Please to inform us as early as possible,

Which of these appropriations has been expended,
When it was expended, and
How it was expended

Let me pray you, dear brethren, to give yr *immediate* attention to this matter, and to be as *particular* and *accurate* in yr answers to these inquiries as you can. The want of this particularity tends to produce embarrassment. The Managers of the Bible and Tract Societies call upon us to inform them how the appropriations from their funds, made to our Board, are expended. This information you will readily perceive, they are entitled to as almoners of the bounty of the churches, to which they are accountable; and we must look to you for such statements as will satisfy them that their grants have been faithfully applied to the objects for which they were made.

R.A.

☞ Letters of the same tenor and date with the above were written to the mission at Smyrna; to the mission at Beyroot; to the Rev Jonas King, Greece; Rev Justin Perkins, Persia; and Rev Jas L. Merrick, Persia;

Boston Dec. 2, 1835

To the Mission in Syria,

Dear Brethren,

The following resolutions are extracted from the Records of the Prudential Committee;

Dated - July 10. 1835, Aug. 4th 1835, Aug 18th 1835, Sept 22d 1835, Sept 29th 1835, Octr 26th 1835.

The brethren Lanneau, Hebard & Thompson, concerning whom I wrote you under date of Sep 30th go in the vessel which takes this to Smyrna. Also Mr. & Mrs. Jackson & Miss Tilden. Miss Tilden will remain at Smyrna until she can have some female companion to Beyroot.

You will find a notice of Mr. Hebard in the last page of the last week's Recorder. You will perceive that he has been preparing himself for the department of education for some time past, & you will soon perceive that the bent of his well cultivated mind is entirely that way. He takes out a quantity of apparatus, the greater part of which (as well as Mr. Hebard himself) will probably be attached to the High School. I am sorry he has not a wife, so that the boarding of the scholars may be conveniently arranged: but that is an affair, you know, on which we very seldom venture to legislate.

In respect to your seminary, the Committee recommend that you commence on a small scale. This indeed you propose doing. Accommodations for the pupils you must of course have. As little money as may be should be expended in buildings, & you are as well aware as we are of the reasons why they should not be showy. If considerable expenses for buildings are necessary it will be well to send plans & estimates to the Committee before building or purchasing. The Sandwich Islands mission have done so, & the Committee voted 4.000 dollars for buildings during the year 1836. However, it is there so far as buildings is concerned, like commencing a seminary in the wilderness. But whatever you can show to be necessary to make your institution what it ought to be, the Committee will do. Only let your more important propositions come in the name & with the sanction of your mission.

The Committee have many serious doubts as to ~~that~~ the expediency of that part of your plan which relates to manual labor. The expectations on that subject which were so prevalent in this country, two or three years since, have seldom, if ever, been realized. Those who come to Boston for soliciting funds for institutions which make manual labor a part of their plan, generally take pains to show that they lay no great stress upon that part of their plan. Now if there is generally a failure in this country, how can there be success in Syria? Again, we have thought of the secular aspect which yr shops &c. &c. would give to yr school and mission. People could hardly be made to understand the object in view. Yr manual labor school will be a *manufactory*; yr mission a money making establishment. Again, yr wares, if you make boxes &c, will come in competition with the like articles manufactured by native artists, and will be thought at least to affect the market unfavorably, and Demetrius and the craftsmen will make out a case against you more difficult to be met in argument, than they did in Ephesus against yr distinguished predecessors in the mission to Asia.— Again, the moment you establish a manual labor school, with shops, carpenters, and all the apparatus & machinery for purchase, manufacture, and sale, yr mission becomes complex, too much so altogether for a mission, which has so many other cares, and, considering the clerical nature of it, so little *worldly* wisdom to spare. The manual labor department in the seminary at Andover, was seven or eight hundred dollars in debt, a year or two since, with nothing to pay.

I ought to add, that many of our Indian schools have been manual labor schools, and the experiment has been a failure in a great measure, so far as that particular feature was concerned, and exceedingly expensive.

I designed to have written you more leisurely and more at length on this subject, than I am able to do. I am controlled by uncontrollable circumstances.

Whatever you want for the seminary or the mission generally, specify, as far as possible, exactly what it is. All the requests in yr letters have been *memorandumed*, and handed over to Mr Hill.

We have recd letters as follows;

From *Mr Smith*, dated June 23, June 30, July 13, Aug. 4, Aug. 21, & Sept. 8, 1835. The letters on the subject of a type foundery came only a few days since. I cannot tell how much we shall do towards supplying you with one, nor what our prospect is for supplying you with the type you requested, till I hear from Mr Hallock who is at New York.

From *Mr Whiting* dated May 1st and July 20, 1835.

From Mr Thompson, June 19 & 22, & July 3; and Mr Pease June 13 1835.

Praying the blessing of heaven upon you all &c

R.A.

Boston Dec. 2. 1835.

To the Mission at Constantinople.

Dear brethren,

The following resolutions are extracted from the Records of the Prudential Committee;
Dated July 10, Aug 18, Sept 3d 1835—

The Rev. Wm C. Jackson & wife, the bearer of this, are on their way to Trebizond. We suppose they will not be able to go further than Constantinople before the opening of spring. We commend them to yr fraternal kindness and care.

I wrote you Oct. 12th. Since then I have received joint letters in triplicate, dated Aug. 17, 1835, on the need of a physician at Constantinople; they all came to hand within a few days past; so that I cannot yet say whether the Committee will send you one or not. There are other missions which need them more than you do. Perhaps we may find one, however, who is better fitted for Constple, than for any other place.

Letters from Mr Goodell, dated Sept 8, Mr Goodell to Mr Smith of Sept 4, and Mr Smith's two letters to Mr Goodell.

Letters from Mr Dwight of Aug. 29. & Sept. 4, 1835. The articles requested have been *Memorandumed*, and the memorandums handed over. I am glad to hear it is so safe to publish the good news you send us concerning the Armenians. You need not on any account forbear writing us freely and fully, even when you think it not adviseable to print. We resolved and re-resolved to publish yr account of the young Armenians, but at last yielded to what we supposed our better judgments. We printed it in a missionary paper, and *now*, I think, shall insert it in the Herald.

Letter from Mr Schauffler dated Aug. 5th 1835. I am surprized to hear that three copies of the Comprehensive Commentary went on to Mr Perkins. This was a great mistake, and I wish you had stopped two of them. How Mr Chapman could commit such a blunder, I know not. One of these certainly belongs to yr mission. Perhaps we may send another.

The letters of Messrs Goodell and Schauffler are now going the rounds of our Committee, after which we shall probably know what use ought to be made of them. I fear you may have misunderstood my remarks upon our Lord's being an example to missionaries. They were penned currente calamo. Our blessed Lord is an example to all missionaries in the principles which governed his conduct; he is an example to them in all cases where his circumstances were like theirs. What I meant to say was, that his circumstances (using the word in the most comprehensive sense) were, in some very important respects very unlike theirs through his residence here. Paul's circumstances and ours are more nearly alike. I do suppose that a more convenient use can be made of Paul's life as a missionary, in a discussion like the one which has been so well managed in these letters. On reviewing Mr Goodell's letters I see less cause for objection than I did at first. Great good will unquestionably come out of the views you have taken. But I can add no more.

R A.

Boston Dec 2 1835.

Rev. Thomas P. Johnston,
Trebizond,

My dear brother,

The following resolutions are extracted from the Records of the Prudential Committee:
[Dated, July 10. 1835. Aug. 18. 1835.]

At length yr long desired associate is on the eve of embarkation. Mr & Mrs Jackson expect to sail tomorrow. You will be pleased with them, for they are truly amiable and lovely, and are of good report. I fear, however, that they will almost certainly be detained at Constantinople till the Spring. Hou they will still be attending to the Turkish.

After you both are fairly settled, you will do well to make a few excursions in different directions to learn about yr fie especially in the direction of Tokat. We wish to occupy Tokat, Kaisarea, and a post somewhere in Cilicia. Then what a convenient chain (with pretty long links to be sure) from Trebizond across the isthmus! Be of good courage. Have large designs. You need not fear any want of means which you can use to good advantage.

Mr Jackson and the periodicals, papers, &c, which he carries with him, will tell you the news. We are all pretty well. The Lord cause his faith continually to shine upon you.

I wrote you Oct. 16th. R.A.

Boston Dec. 2d. 1835

Rev. Samuel R. Houston, }
Scio, }

My dear brother,

The following resolutions are extracted from the Records of the Prudential Committee.
[Dated July 10th & Aug. 18th, 1835]

Yrs of Aug. 4 & Sept 4, 1835 were received a few days since, together with a letter from Dr Gallatti. As the letters came in the midst of our haste in getting the brethren Jackson (destined to Trebizond) & Launeau, Hebard & Thompson (destined to Syria) away, I cannot write to the Doctor by this opportunity, but will (D.V.) by the next. I must also write you but a line or two.

We make out our periodical list in December. You will excuse the scanty supply of the present year, as the list was made up before it was certain that you would form a new station at Scio. We shall send you a number of periodicals, and it will not be necessary to molest yr little fund in the Savings Bank. I see the books you requested are marked in the margin as if they had been sent.

Yr Telegraph cannot have come here, or it would have been sent. As you have mentioned the failure to Mr Convers, it will no doubt resume its regularity. Yr letter to him was sent without delay.

I rejoice in yr favorable situation. We still think Scio the most favorable situation for a Greek seminary. I have written to Mr King, recommending a conference of missionaries most interested in the subject. Such a conference may be possibly in Smyrna during the next year.

R.A.

Yr portrait and that of Mrs H. were found some weeks after

Dr Wisner's decease, in his desk, and sent to yr parents. It seems that some were to go to you. I retained three for the Rooms, and send you two of these. I do not feel like sparing the other. —

R.A.

Boston Dec. 2. 1835

To the Mission at Smyrna,

Dear brethren,

The following extracts of resolutions are from the Records of the Prudential Committee;
[Dated July 10, Aug 18, 1835.]

I received yrs of Sept. 5 enclosing a narrative for the American Tract Society, a few days since. I shall read it immediately after our brethren have sailed, and then send it to Mr Hallock. At the same time I received Mr Adger's note of Sept 20.

You will be glad to see the company in the Massachusetts. If so many of them do wrong in going without wives, it is not our fault. They are good brethren. Miss Tilden we commit to yr care. Of course she cannot proceed to Syria with these single brethren, unless some married lady is with her. While she remains at Smyrna, she will be qualifying herself for future usefulness, and will be usefully employed. She is sent at the earnest request of the brethren in Syria for a second unmarried teacher. She is very highly recommended for her capacity to learn, though her early advantages were not good, and for her piety. Professor Haddock has a very high opinion of her. She has been in my family about four weeks. She is certainly capable of making a very useful person. She needs to be fostered and aided for a time.

I wrote you all by the Banian in Oct.

R.A.

Boston Dec. 2. 1835

Miss Rebecca Williams }
Beyroot, Syria, } My dear Madam,

To relieve yr mind

from all embarrassment in view of the proposal which Mr Thompson will no doubt make to you, I would say that the Committee relinquish all claim upon yr services as an unmarried female in case you are disposed to accept his offer. You are as much at liberty to consult yr own wishes, as if you were not connected with the Board, and were in yr father's house in Connecticut. May the Lord guide you, and whether married or single, may you be his, and eminently useful in the work of missions.

R.A.

Boston Dec. 2. 1835

Rev. Justin Perkins }
& Dr Asahel Grant. }

My dear brethren,

The following resolutions are extracted &c, [as in preceding letter]

I wrote you Oct. 19. This goes by the Rev. Wm C. Jackson & wife, who go to Mr Johnston's help at Trebizond. We send parcels & letters by them. I can add no more being in very great haste, as the vessel sails to morrow with four brethren — three for Syria —

R.A.

A letter of the same tenor and date with the above was written to Rev. James L. Merrick, Persia; & Rev Messrs Schneider & Powers Broosa —

Boston Dec. 2d 1835

Rev. Elias Riggs, }
Argos, }

My dear brother,

The following resolutions are extracted &c [as in preceding letter]

I received yr number 18, (Aug. 23.) on Saturday. Can do nothing more now than acknowledge it. Wrote to you Oct 19th. Hope to write again soon. R.A.

A letter of same tenor and date with the above was written to Rev Mr King, Athens — acknowledging the receipt of letters dated July 1st & 27th & Aug. 13th. 1835.

A letter dated Dec^r 2, 1835 was written to Sir John Campbell his B. M's ambassador at the Court of Persia informing him of his election as a Corresponding Member of the Board

Letters dated Dec. 2 1835 were likewise written to Rev. Eli Smith & William M. Thomson Beyroot, Syria.

~~Also to Miss Rebecca Williams, by the hands of the Rev. James~~

Dec. 5, 1835.

A letter was written to the Rev. Hollis Read, communicating the Resolution of the P. Com^t. on the subject of his return, & containing the following paragraph:

"Your correspondence will naturally be with Mr. Armstrong in respect to any efforts you may desire to make of the nature of an agency. On most other subjects, being still a member of the Mahratta mission, you will give me the pleasure of your correspondence. All your public efforts as an agent should be with the knowledge & approbation of the General Agent having charge of the particular district in which you operate. Your most direct way of arranging your plans of agency will be by corresponding in the first instance with the Home Secretary, Mr. Armstrong. — If your memoir of Babajee is to be published, the sooner you attend to that business the better. — Take care of your health, & the Lord be with you."

R. A.

Boston Dec 7^th 1835

Rev Gilman Pritchard,
Tahiti; — }

My dear Sir,

I have just received information that a vessel is on the point of sailing for the Society Islands, and must write you at least a few lines. I also send a considerable parcel to yr address, containing various publications, which you will no doubt be glad to receive and distribute among yr brethren.

Yrs of May 21^st was received Sept 28^d. My object in writing to Mr Ellis on the subject of Capt Driver's communication was two fold; (1.) To inform the Directors of the London Society what reports were gaining currency here to the disadvantage of yr mission and of the missionary cause generally. (2.) To obtain the means of meeting and correcting these reports. I received yr letter on the very day on which a large Temperance Convention was sitting in this city, and just after Dr Edwards had made a speech on the nefarious conduct of our Ship-masters in the South Pacific. As he was to resume the subject in the afternoon, I placed yr letter in his hands, and have no doubt he made a good use of it; I was not present.

I rejoice to hear of the success of the temperance cause among the interesting people in charge of yr mission. We send you two or three dozen copies of the last Report of the American Temperance Society, which is circulated in this country by scores of thousands. That Report will show the state of the public mind in the religious and more moral part of the community. I mean, to a very great extent; for alas! the exceptions are yet very many.

We are under great obligations for the kindness shown by yr mission to our brethren who went to the Marquesas. We shall endeavor not to interfere with yr plan of operation again. Did time permit, I should be glad to show you how our mission to the Marquesas originated.

The parcel we send you contains Reports of our Board, Missionary Heralds, Temperance Reports, and such other pamplets, as we can conveniently lay our hands upon. Had we a longer notice, I should have procured and sent you a number of books lately issued from the press in this country.

R. A. Secy &c. &c.

Boston Dec. 12th 1835

Rev. J. D. Paxton,
Malta,

My dear Sir,

Yr letter dated Malta Sep 8th was duly received. I am sorry, that I have but one letter to send you, but that is better than none. I shall be happy to attend to your wishes. Should you visit any of our bretheren in the east you will of course bid them god speed. may you have a very happy & above all a very useful tour. —— R.A

Boston, Dec. 12. 1835.

My Dear Sir,

I am very happy to acknowledge your letter of June 30th by Mr Hallock, & thank you for the information you were so kind as to give me.

In return I send you a copy of our 26th Annual Report (for the present year) & the volume just closed of the Missionary Herald. You may expect to receive hereafter, at least our Annual Report, while we are mutually spared, & occupy our present posts. I remember my intercourse with yourself & Mrs. Lowndes, with a great deal of interest.

And so Mr Wilson has gone home & his station is broken up! Perhaps good will come out of it, if it furnishes the occasion of your having a printing establishment under your own care at Corfu. The ~~in~~expediency of removing our own printing establishment from Malta was so great, that we determined at all risks to move it into Turkey. The result has more than answered our expectations. We are now making great preparations of type &c. But after all the excellency of the power is from God alone.

A little tract I send you concerning some Armenian young men at Constantinople, will show that the Lord Jesus is not leaving himself without a witness even in the seat of the False Prophet.

We intend making a great effort, with the divine aid in the several fields of our missions — i.e. native preachers, &c. & have planned out seven or eight seminaries, to be liberally supported. They will together cost us about a hundred thousand dollars, to found them & about $50.000 annually to support them. Pecuniary means can be obtained to a great extent for worthy objects, but we cannot get a tenth part of the men we need, & could send out & support.

The harvest is great, but the labourers how few! But all our means & expedients will fall short without prayer.

Please remember me very affectionately to Mrs. Lowndes, & believe me most truly,

Yours,
R. A.

Rev. Isaac Lowndes,
Corfu,
(Brig Roxana.) Ionian Islands.

Boston, Dec. 12. 1835.

My Dear Sir,

By the Brig Roxana which is on the point of sailing for Malta, we send you such pamphlets &c. as are due.

At the same time I am happy to acknowledge the reception of your favor of the 25th. May, which I received, with the Arabic Atlas & books about the middle of August. Many thanks for the copies of the Atlas &c. The Atlas is very beautiful. Our 26th. Report goes by this conveyance.

Mr. Hill has made arrangements for paying the bill for printing.

Desiring a respectful remembrance to your associates, I am, Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,
R. A.

Rev. C. F. Schlienz,
Malta.

Boston Dec. 18. 1835

Messrs Lindley Wilson & Venable,
South Africa,

Dear Brethren,

I wrote you a few lines on the 13th June, and at that time and on the 31st of Aug. we forwarded various letters, parcels, &c. for you. Since then I have received Mr Venable's very welcome letter, dated Griquatown, May 26th. Blessed be the Lord who conducted you thus far safely on yr long journey. By this time you are probably at Kruman, and possibly in the field of yr future labors. We shall peruse the journal of yr ~~future~~ travels with great interest. The more particular, the better. Do not regard some expense of postage, when you have valuable matter to communicate. Now is the time to give us vivid impressions concerning the country and people, while yr own impressions are fresh and strong.

We constantly remember you with unabated interest. You will rejoice to hear that Br. Armstrong has come among us. He will write to at least one of you, by this conveyance, and give you some account of yr friends at home

We send you a large number of letters, papers, pamphlets &c, by this conveyance. They will tell you the news.

I am, dear brethren, in much haste, as I heard but just now, that a ship had cleared for Cape Town, and that they were cutting her way out of our frozen harbor. We have had an unusual amount of excessively cold weather. Pray for us.

R. A.

Boston Dec. 18th 1835

Messrs Grout, Champion & Adams,
Port Natal,

Dear brethren,

I wrote you a few lines on the 13th of July and again on the 31st of August. We also sent you parcels by the same conveyances. Just now I was informed that a ship had cleared for Cape Town, and that they are employed in cutting a way for her, out of our frozen harbor. Letters for you from friends have already gone on board, and the papers, pamphlets &c (including the daily Courier for Mr Champion) are on the point of going.

The letters to me which are to be acknowledged are as follows; viz,

From Mr Grout, dated June 1st & 4th
" Mr Champion " May 29th & June 15th, with his journal of events and proceedings soon after his arrival.

From Messrs Grout & Champion, dated May 21st.

We see no cause whatever to disapprove of yr proceedings. I rejoice in yr firmness in adhering to the course marked out for you in yr Instructions. We must not give up Dingaan and the fine field which his country seems to promise us, until we ascertain from experiment that the Lord will not permit us to enter it. You will of course feel the importance of taking every precaution to prevent an unfavorable reception from Dingaan, and also of selecting, if possible, a healthy location for yrselves and families. Should you, after all, be obliged to go into the interior, I presume you will naturally form a second station among the people of Moselekatsi.

Mr Champion's requests will be attended to, though the Map of the World cannot I presume, be sent now.

I confess I have a strong impression that the Lord will smile upon yr career and give you an open door to the field of yr preference. Fear not to enter in case you find the door open, or that it is possible for you to open it. The Zoolahs are given to Christ, and we are commanded to preach his gospel to them.

We are all well. Desiring affectionate regards &c

R.A.

Boston Dec. 18. 1835

H. E. Rutherford, Esqr
Cape Town, S. Africa,

Dear Sir,

We have shipped for you on board the Brig Criterion, bundles & parcels containing pamplets, letters &c for our brethren in S. Africa and also for yrself and Dr Phillip.

If there is anything we can do to oblige you, we shall be happy to receive yr commands.

R.A.

P.S. I knew nothing of this ship until we read her clearance in the papers.

Boston Dec. 19. 1835.

Rev. Dr. Phillip,
Cape Town. S. Africa.

Rev. & dear Sir,

We learned from the papers that the Brig Criterion had cleared for Cape Town, and on inquiry we find that they are cutting her out of our frozen harbor. We had not heard of her before. I can only say that we had the happiness of receiving yrs of May 27th, on the 1st of August; while Mr Pears's letter, written the day after yours, did not reach me till the 26th ulto: and that we send you by this opportunity our late publications, and among them our last Report. The business before our Committee, since the arrival of Mr Pears's letter, has been so abundant, and of such urgency, that the subject of it has as yet received only a partial attention. I wish we had the right man in view to place at Cape Town; it would facilitate the business greatly. But I must close with assurances &c

R. A.

Boston Dec. 19th 1835

Rev. John Pears,
Cape Town, S. Africa

My dear Sir,

We heard of the present opportunity by the Brig Criterion only by means of a notice of her clearance for Cape-Town in the papers. I have time only to acknowledge yr favor of the 28th May, which I did not receive until the 26th ulto. Since that time our Committee has been so overwhelmed with indispensable business that the subject of yr communication has received only a partial attention. I was expecting to bring it up next week for full consideration and decision. If anything embarrasses us seriously just now it is the great want of missionaries. We most urgently need at least ninety sterling missionaries within six months, and would gladly send them if we had them, but we have scarcely a fourth part of that number.

I expect to write you fully on the subject by the next opportunity. A copy of our last Report for you accompanies this, which I beg you to accept, and believe me, Rev. & Dear Sir &c

R. A.

Mahratta Mission. Dec. 23. 1835.

Sent a printed Circular, with a letter as at pp. 481, 482, containing a list of appropriations by Am. Bib. & Tract Societies. R. A.

Dec. 23. 1835.

Mahratta Mission.

Sent a few lines by way of Calcutta, addressed to Messrs. Allen & Boggs at Ahmednuggur, chiefly respecting Mr. Read.

Boston Dec. 24. 1835

To the Brethren of the Mahratta Mission,

Dear Brethren,

I wrote you on the 9th of May and 13th of August and yesterday sent you two printed circulars with a short letter appended to each. Letters were also written by Mr Greene and myself to individuals in yr mission, bearing date of May 9th, May 15th, & Aug. 12th.

The following communications of a general nature are to be acknowledged, viz

Mr Munger's letters dated March 13th & Feb. 26th 1835.

Mr Reed's memorial on the subject of widows &c.

Minutes of yr General Meeting in Nov.

Statement of printing in 1834.

From the American Tract Socy I have received notice that the following tracts in Mahratta have been approved by its Executive Committee; viz,

"Good Tidings."

"On Prayer."

"In whom shall we trust?"

"Relief to the sin-burdened."

"The Great Inquiry."

"On the Ten Commandments."

"View of the Principal Doctrines of Scripture."

We are also informed by that society that their grants may be applied not only to the printing of tracts, but to meet the expenses of translating, or otherwise preparing and circulating the same. All the expenses which you have incurred in respect to the preparation, printing, and circulation of any of the above tracts, or any others which receive the Society's approval, can be placed to the charge of the American Tract Society.

It is also true with regard to the American Bible Society, that the expense of translating and distributing the Scriptures, as well as of printing them, should be placed to its charge, and defrayed from its grants. For instance, if Mr Allen takes a tour, or employs a certain portion of his time, having the circulation of the Scriptures and tracts for his main object, yr financial Committee or some other, should consider how much of his salary and travelling expenses should be charged to these Societies. This is the wish of the societies, and this is equitable.

I perceive you printed 929.800 pages for the Am. Tract Socy, last year; and 504 000 for the Am. Bib. Socy. At the commencement of the present year you must have had nearly or quite ten thousand dollars of the Bible Society's grants on hand. I enclose a printed schedule of the grants of the Bible and Tract Societies, similar to the one I sent you yesterday by the Warsaw. I hope you will lose no time in telling us which of these grants have been expended, and in what manner. We are in danger of losing the confidence of the Societies, if we are not soon able to report some progress.

I will now transcribe for yr information a variety of resolutions.

On the 10th of July the Committee adopted the following resolution, to be sent to all the missions of the Board; viz.

"Resolved – That the several missions of the Board be reque to transmit to the Com. as soon as possible, a description of all the real estate owned by the Board in connection with the missions, together with the cost of said property, its present value, and by what tenure and in whose name it is held."

June 9th the following was adopted; viz

"Resolved - That the 10th article of the Bylaws of the Mahratta mission be so modified, that the missionaries residing at Bombay, or a committee chosen for the purpose from the whole mission, may fix the rate of exchange on bills drawn in Bombay on the Treasurer of the Board; it being understood that the rate shall be determined on each bill at the time of its being negociated; and that reference shall be had to the current rate at Bombay."

Dec. 15. the following were adopted; viz,

"Sundry laws and regulations emendatory and in addition to those recorded at pp. 280—284 of Records Vol. III, having been submitted for revision and approval to the Committee by the Mahratta mission, the following were approved; viz.

1. "Should any two members wish a special meeting, they shall prefer this request to the secretary in writing, who shall submit the same to the mission, and should a majority of the members think such a meeting to be expedient, it shall be held at such time & place as they shall determine."

2. "Allowances of the members of the mission for personal and family expenses shall be regarded as due at the commencement of each month, and each member shall then inform the Treasurer what sum he wants."

3. "Those families which may occupy houses belonging to the mission, may make all necessary repairs at the expense of the mission; — the word "repairs" not to be understood as extending to any enlargement or alteration, but only restoring to a previous state."

4. "Funeral expenses of all members of the mission may be charged to the mission

5. "If any member shall request of the mission that any subject be referred to the Corresponding members of the Board for their opinions and advice, such request shall be granted. But all such subjects shall be referred to that Committee in written communications, which shall be previously submitted to the mission for the expression of their opinion."

6. All operations sanctioned by the mission shall be carried on

and managed by the respective branches. But if different opinions shall arise respecting any measure affecting the general interests of the mission, it shall be referred to the consideration of all the members of the mission."

7. "The Treasurer of the mission shall, for the time being, be ex officio a member of the financial Committee."

The following was deemed objectionable in principle by the Com. and was not approved; viz,

"Each member of the mission shall be allowed to become a member of the Bombay Bible Society and the Bombay Tract Society at the expense of the Mission."

As you have fixed salaries, it was the unanimous and decided opinion of the Com, that yr individual subscriptions to Benevolent societies and all yr. personal charities ought to come out of yr salaries, and not from a public Treasury.

On the 1st of Dec. Mr Read ~~came~~ was in town, and communicated much information to the Committee of an interesting character relative to the mission. The following resolutions were adopted after conference with him; viz

"It being the understanding of the Com, that in consequence of some misunderstanding on the part of the Mahratta mission as to the views of the Com. on the subject of printing the Scriptures in the language of the Mahrattas, the greater part of the funds granted to the Mission by the Am. Bible Socy were yet unexpended":

"Resolved, That the Mission be earnestly requested to expend the grants of the Bible and Tract Societies within one year after their reception, provided it be possible to circulate the books judiciously among the people."

"Resolved - That the Holy Scriptures be purchased from the Bombay Branch of the British and Foreign Bib. Socy, so far as that Society can furnish such as are needed by the mission; and that the residue of the funds remaining on hand, after making the purchases as aforesaid, from the Bombay Bible Soc. be expended in reprinting such parts of the versions prepared wholly by the missionaries of the Board, as the mission shall judge to be suitable for distribution

Rev. Sendol B. Munger Bombay, Care of Messrs Arbuthnot & Co Madras.

"Resolved - That in order to facilitate the operations of the printing establishment, the Mahratta mission be instructed to commit the management of the press to a Committee, to be chosen annually, and consisting of a convenient number, of whom the senior printer shall be one; whose duty it shall be to furnish employment for the press, and superintend its operations, and who shall make their arrangements to attend promptly and effeciently to the business, and make a particular report of their proceedings to the mission at the expiration of their year; to be transmitted to the Prudential Committee with the general report of the mission."

"Resolved - That it be recommended to the Mahratta mission to dispense with job printing in the English language as soon as possible."

"Resolved - That the Mahratta mission be authorized to purchase the house in the city of Ahmednuggur, which is described and the purchase of which is recommended in a letter from Messrs Boggs, Allen & Read dated July 1st 1834, together with the land under and adjoining the same; provided the mission is in favor of the purchase, and the cost shall not exceed fifteen hundred rupees; also to erect a chapel upon the premises, if the same can be erected at an expense of fifteen hundred rupees."

"Resolved - That in the opinion of the Com. the residence of Mr Hubbard of the Mahratta mission shall be at Nagotnay, or some other place among the schools supported by the Board on the continent; and that it is the earnest desire of the Com. that the number of schools be increased to as great an extent as will comport with their thorough christian Superintendence."

The resolutions transcribed from the Records of Dec 1st are the result of a great deal of deliberation. Most of the topics had been repeatedly brought up and discussed in the Committee before the return of Mr Read, and would have been embodied in resolutions sooner, but for his expected arrival.

As I have written you repeatedly on the subject of the grants of the Bible & Tract Societies, I need make no comment on the resolutions concerning them.

The resolutions respecting a publishing Committee is similar to one which has been forwarded to other printing establishments, and made the basis of their arrangements. You committee will naturally consist of such as are most competent, from their knowledge of the language, &c. to attend to the business.

The Committee did not give the resolution on job printing in English the form merely of a recommendation, because they have any doubt of the expediency of bringing it to an end. After mature deliberation they have ceased to desire that pecuniary profit should be made an object in any of the Printing establishments of the Board. Job printing in English can be pursued at the establishment in Bombay, only for the sake of the pecuniary profits, or to oblige authors, or to give the mission more notoriety among the English people. These reasons no longer have any weight with the Committee. Large funds are pouring in upon the establishment to be expended in Mahratta printing, and we have great difficulty in preventing them from becoming so large as to be wholly unmanageable. Besides, we shall have no difficulty in supporting the establishment without English printing. And suppose it may sometimes be difficult to furnish a sufficiency of Mahratta copy to keep the hands in the office employed, it is better that difficulty should exist, and operate as a motive on the mission to exert itself to obtain copy, than that the motive should be destroyed by the superabundance of English printing on hand. Besides, we ought not to stand in the way of English printers in the matter of English printing. Let English gentlemen understand at once what are the views of yr directors, and they will see the propriety of looking elsewhere.

There ought to be an understanding that the Scriptures which you circulate shall be printed at our establishment, and that the purchase from them shall be only a nominal affair.

The Committee took no formal order in reference to the Evangelist and Reporter, not having knowledge enough of the reasons which led you to publish such a work to form a satisfactory judgment. Their impressions, however, with the knowledge they have are *not* favorable to its continuance, and especially at the expense of the Board. It must consume time, thought, feeling and money which properly belong to the Mahrattas. If the mission continue to be in favor of its publication, it would be well if they were to assign the reasons fully which justify it in their apprehension. I ought to add that the Committee have never been satisfied as to the propriety and expediency of such a work on the part of an American mission in India. They have said nothing because they had great confidence in the good judgment of the mission, and supposed there must be peculiar reasons growing out of yr relations to the Anglo-Indian population.

The house at Ahmednuggur to which reference is had in the next resolution, is the one which was formerly a mosk. The resolution is based upon statements in the letter, corroborated by verbal statements from Mr Read.

The resolution concerning Mr Hubbard grows out of the design of the Com. in sending Mr Hubbard and Mr Abbott to the Mahratta country. It was to take the superintendence of common schools. For two or three years the Com. have had a growing conviction that the schools on the continent were far less useful than they might be for want of an efficient christian superintendence. They are no doubt better than nothing, and probably are worth all they cost. But they ought to have some one residing among them, who shall visit them often, and increase their number. He might himself teach a model school, and better instruct the schoolmasters themselves. These schools he might make places for frequent christian exhortation, and for catechetical instruction. I see our brethren of the Western Foreign Missy Socy are taking strong hold of the new notion of teaching the English language to the *natives* of Hindostan. It may do to a certain extent, but I have no belief that our Board will ever make it a prominent object to teach the English language in India. *In general, our efforts will be directed to teaching the people in their own language.* Let this be yr leading object. We have so much confidence in the spirit which led Mr Hubbard to India, that we trust he will lose no time in planting himself in the midst of this constellation of schools, and direct all his strength, in humble dependence on the Lord

Jesus, to making them all nurseries of piety.

You will see how yr memorial on the subject of widows is anticipated by the proceedings of the Board at its late meeting. As the Herald may not reach you for some time, I enclose the printed rules, then adopted. The N York Observer will spread the whole subject before you.

By this time I trust Mr Webster is fully employed in making a set of matrices for Mahratta types. I hope he will succeed in making type which will last longer than those which you have heretofore received from Calcutta.

We do not send pamphlets &c to Calcutta by this conveyance, as they would not arrive until after the S. W. Monsoon sets in, which would probably detain them at Calcutta a long time.

We are hoping and praying that the Lord of the harvest will be pleased to send forth more helpers to you. One promising man has his mind strongly set upon Ajmeer, and I presume his wishes will be complied with by the Committee. He will go, if he goes, by way of Bombay, and will have an associate; but will not probably leave until a year hence

I have been hastening to send this by the ship Warsaw, which was cleared day before yesterday, but has been detained by some cause. There are a number of miscellaneous subjects on which I should be glad to write, but presume I cannot by this ship. Should she be longer detained, I shall write at least to a number of the brethren individually, in reply to their individual letters

R.A.

Boston Dec. 26, 1835

Rev. Wm Ellis For. Sec. &c
London,

Dear Brother,

Some of our brethren at Singapore have lately become very much interested in the project of colonizing the heathen world with christian people for the purpose of facilitating the work of christian missions. They have gone so far as to address circulars of inquiry, with special reference to the forming of an American colony at Singapore, to gentlemen at Singapore and elsewhere, and among others to the governor of Singapore, Malacca & Penang; and quite recently we have received a long communication from them accompanied by the answers they had received to their enquiries. From the governor they had received no reply, as he naturally referred the case to his superior at Calcutta, and he may possibly refer it to the Court of Directors at home.

The following resolutions adopted by our Prudential Com. at a special meeting, will show you how they view the subject, and why we deem it necessary to trouble you with it. I transcribe the whole record for yr information

"The object of the special meeting of the Prudential Com. on the 19th Dec, was to attend to documents received from the missionaries of the Board at Singapore, on the subject of forming a christian colony on that island, for the purpose of facilitating the work of christian missions. After attending to a joint letter on the subject from Messrs Tracy, Parker and Bradley to the Committee, and to a copy of the letter from the brethren to the Governor of Singapore, Malacca & Penang, and to sundry other documents containing answers from gentlemen residing in those parts to written enquiries on the practicability and expediency of such a colony; it was

"Resolved, —

1. That the Committee regard the plan of attempting to form a christian colony at Singapore, or in any other part of the heathen world, in the manner proposed in the joint communication of these brethren as being both inexpedient and impracticable.

2. That while the Com. do justice to the motives of their missionaries, they regret that these brethren should have engaged in correspondence with the authorities of the East India Company, on a subject of so much delicacy as colonizing parts of their dominions, for any object, from the United States, without having first obtained the approbation of the prudential Com. And,

3. That a letter be immediately addressed to the Rev. William Ellis, For. Sec^y of the London Miss^y Soc^y, containing the

preceding resolutions, and authorizing him to say, in writing, to some member or members of the Court of Directors of the East India Company, should the letter of the brethren to the Governor of Singapore on the subject be referred by the Governor General of India to that body, that, while the Prud. Com. regard these proceedings of their missionaries as having originated in no other motive whatever than a benevolent regard for the spiritual well-being of the heathen world, they feel themselves bound to disavow and disapprove of them."

We deem this precautionary measure necessary, and have no doubt you will excuse the trouble we give you. Unless the subject comes before the Court of Directors in the manner proposed, nothing of course need be done.

R.A.

Boston, Jan. 9. 1836

My Dear Sir,

I have heard with very great concern of your loss in the ~~great~~ late calamitous fire in New York. I fear the greater part of it, at this late period of your stay in this country, must be irreparable. We shall do what we can, as Mr Greene has written you, to repair it, & hope your many other friends will also do their duty.

When I last had the pleasure of seeing you, you kindly promised to furnish us with any information we might desire concerning Germany. We are anxious to know how far we may expect the co-operation of Protestant Christians on continental Europe, & particularly Germany, in our work as a foreign missionary society.

1. In what parts of Germany, & to what extent, is the sending of Christian missionaries to Pagans, Mohammedans, Jews, a work of acknowledged obligation?

2. What institutions have been formed for this purpose? Their nature? What are they doing? What patronage do they receive? What are their prospects of exerting influence at home & abroad? We are acquainted with

the seminary at Bâsle.

3. What is the standard of education adopted by the missionary societies for their missionaries? Are young men of eminent talents & scholarship inclined to become missionaries?

4. To what extent are foreign missions opposed, particularly in Prussia? What importance has been given to Dr. Meyen's representations concerning our mission at the Sandwich Islands? Have any other attacks upon our missions attracted attention at Berlin? — ~~It is obvious, however~~ The Dr. was sadly imposed upon, at Honolulu, & among others, I have little doubt, by his interpreter. It is obvious, however, that he was not in a mood to observe, or hear, or judge with candour: & he kept himself aloof from the missionaries, & where he was operated upon by a strong hostile influence, & by only that.

5. Your most valuable works in relation to missions? Periodicals which advocate them?

As I do not wish to give you unnecessary trouble, I have confined my inquiries to the one subject of missions, & will not multiply them. If, on ~~the~~ your return to Germany, you find it convenient to reply to a part or all of these, you will very greatly oblige us. Any thing that we can do for you in return, you may be sure we shall be happy to do.

Wishing you a safe return to your home, as well as hoping we may have the pleasure of seeing you again in this country, I am, Dear Sir

Yours very truly

R. A.

Dr. Julius,
New York.

Address
Rev. R. Anderson,
Secy &c. &c.

Boston. Jan. 15. 1836.

Rev. D. O. Allen, }
Ahmednuggur, }

My Dear Brother

I wrote a long letter to the mission on the 24th. of last month. It went by way of Calcutta. The only fact in that letter which I will repeat is, that the American Tract Society have approved the tracts in Mahratta entitled "Good Tidings," "On Prayer," "In whom shall we trust?" "Relief to the sin-burdened," "The Great Inquiry," "On the Ten Commandments," & "Views of the Principal Doctrines of Scripture." Of course you perceive that the tracts you sent have arrived safely.

I have now to acknowledge yours favors of Decr. 30th. 1834, & March 9. 1835, & Journals of Tours in July & September, & December 1834, & a journal you sent home to yr parents, which was forwarded according to yr request. And here let me say that that journal contained precisely such information as it is important to preserve on our files at the Rooms, if we do not publish it. I had a considerable part of it copied to preserve on our files, & ultimately to be bound up among our permanent documents. I earnestly request that hereafter you will make an entire separation between documents intended for your friends, & those designed to give us information, & let the latter remain at the Rooms. We generally regard a document that is worth our reading as worth keeping on file, & often it is more important to the future operations of the Board, that it be on file, than that it be read on its reception: though we always read all we receive of course. By all means keep & transmit as full a journal as possible with convenience. Note down not only all that is interesting to yourself, but whatever you think would be interesting to a religious stranger in the country, & especially to us. The more you can set the people of the country before the churches, the more will the churches be interested in your operations, & the more inclined will our young men be to engage in the mission.

The attacks of sickness which you experienced on your tour in the early part of last year, will no doubt suggest some precautions for the future. Whenever you can possibly do it, I think it will be ~~[illegible]~~ wise to take some one of the brethren with you. This would contribute much to the security of life. "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow, but wo to him that is alone when he falleth, for he hath not another, to help him."

Should you be able to procure any good scenes to be engraved for the Herald, even by paying for them, they would further your object.

I am anxious for information concerning the country in the neighborhood of the Nerbudda, & north of that ~~[illegible]~~ river. We have Malcolm's Central India, in 2 vols. Also Duff's History of the Mahrattas, so that you might abridge your labors by references to particular sections of those histories. I do not mean to recommend so long a tour for the present, but you may be able to get much information concerning districts you do not actually visit. May the Lord guide you, & keep you safely. The decision of the Committee not to procure pistols for you, was in accordance with their general usage to procure weapons of war for their missionaries, in no case except as a defence against wild beasts, or a means of procuring food. I doubt not you will acquiesce in the principle.

Very truly yours,

R. A.

Boston, Jan. 19. 1836.

Rev. Isaac Bird }
Smyrna }

My Dear Brother,

I am happy to communicate to you the following resolution, though with you I extremely regret the occasion which makes it necessary for you to revisit this country with Mrs. Bird. The resolution & its preamble are as follows: viz:—

"Letters having been read to the Committee from the Rev. Isaac Bird, now at Smyrna, & also from his fam & brethren at Beyroot, describing the failure of Mrs. Bird's health, & stating the necessity in their opinion, of her visiting this country:—

"Resolved, — That Mr. & Mrs. Bird, of the Syrian Mission, be authorised to visit this country, & to bring their children with them."

I trust, dear brother, that your visit to your native land will accomplish all the purposes you have in view. In the present interesting state of the mission, & with your knowledge of the Arabic & other qualifications for usefulness, it does indeed seem, a pity to have you so long absent. & I trust the Lord will so order ~~that~~ you will be able to return without a very long delay. To me it will be truly gratifying to ~~view~~ renew the pleasant intercourse we had at Malta. The Lord protect you & yours on the way, & make your visit among us eminently promotive of his cause.

I have received your favors of May 27th & Oct. 3d & also a private letter from Mrs. Bird dated April 15th. I should have answered the latter, but thought it probable that Mrs. Bird would leave Syria before my letter should reach Beyroot. We shall do the best we can to send a ~~missionary~~ physician to Syria: but the Lord only can touch the heart. He only can provide. Should he in answer to your prayers send us a physician for you, we shall gladly further him on his way.

I have as yet seen nothing of your box of minerals. Shall attend to it as you request when it comes to hand.

I fear there is little prospect of the wishes you expreſs respecting Mr Brewer, being realized. But should they not be, bear in mind our Malta discuſsions on another more painful subject, & one far more complicated & difficult, & the conclusion to which we came: & strengthen brother Temple, & Brother Adger, & any others who have had leſs opportunity to understand the case. The question concerning Mr Brewer is not one of crime but of character — it is now — what he has done in connection with the Board, & since his connection ceased, only as a means of judging what he will be likely to do should his connection be renewed. I am sorry to say that we have not yet obtained any evidence that the misunderstanding which began even before his ~~connection~~ appointment as a miſsionary, would not be renewed immediately on his reappointment. In such a state of the case, ought the Committee to venture upon such a step, & indeed upon any step in the case?

The Lord sees it to be for his own glory, no doubt, that we should have thorns in his flesh. May his grace be sufficient. Desiring affectionate regards to Mrs. Bird, Sam, &c.

R.A.

Boston, Jan. 19. 1836.

Rev. Wm. Goodell,
Constantinople

My Dear Brother,

I have now the pleasure of acknowledging your letters of Sept. 15th, 25th & Oct. 4th. The books &c. you have requested, & others besides, have been ordered, & will be sent. We sometimes send round books as specimens, which may have been the reason why I sent you only one of Comstock's Philosophy, &c. In that case, if you wish for more you will say so. Sometimes, as in the case of the Comprehensive Commentary, there are mistakes, which it is difficult to avoid altogether: though far leſs difficult now than formerly. Sometimes we err from ignorance: sometimes from over much busineſs. It is my aim, however, to keep you well supplied, & all the other miſsions in my department well supplied, with books & periodicals: & I receive from our Committee no more gratifying mark of confidence, than in the extent to which they allow me to go in this respect, on my own discretion. Your requests for books, apparatus &c. should always come to me. It would only embarraſs us to have you send them to a bookseller or any one else. Be sure, however, & order not without reason, especially to give away to natives of the country. If you establish a character of generosity, that may result in serious evils in case you should overstep a certain limit. What that limit is, it may be difficult to determine.

I am decidedly of opinion that you should commence printing the O. T. in Armenian Turkish just as soon as you are ready to begin, & at the expense of the American Bible Society. Print as large an edition as you can with any propriety. No limits should be set to the operations of the preſs but the possibility of a judicious distribution of the books, &c.

Yours of Sept. 15th requires a few remarks in the way of reply. I should be pained to believe that I differ with you in opinion as to our duty in follo ing Christ. Your remark that "Paul's manner, so far as it was the result of a direct influence from above, was not more different from our Lord's, than were his *circumstances*," strikes upon the very point of all my remarks, at least, upon the remarks I designed to make — for I do not remember them exactly, & have not time to refer to the copy of my letter. I meant to say that Paul's *circumstances* were more like those of modern missionaries, & therefore it was more convenient to reason from his official conduct as a missionary. However, as we agree, why say any more. The *principles* which governed our Lord's conduct, are all binding upon us: & so is every part of *conduct in our* circumstances. Indeed, he is our great Exemplar, & it must be the joy of every christian so to regard him: but after all there is some foundation for the distinction I made. But if you ~~the~~ think otherwise, I will not dispute. Your letters & Mr. Schauffler's are going the rounds of our Committee, & will soon complete *their* revolutions. We shall then determine what to do with them. I believe I have already said that we value them much.

The views you express on the subject of *controversy*, have been my own, with increasing confidence as to their correctness, certainly from the time of my happy visit to Malta, & I could not have designed, in anything I said, to have expressed the contrary. What I said about preaching repentance & faith, was not in the way of reproof, but because the subject pressed much upon my mind at the time of writing especially as a communication from Mr. Riggs, received about that time, informed me that it had not been pressed sufficiently upon the people of Greece. At one time Brothers Wisner & Greene, & some members of the Prudential Committee, that it was too much so at Constantinople, i.e. that you were too backward in urging these duties: but this was sometime previous to my letter above referred to, & I think their minds had been relieved. You must however suffer the word of exhortation occasionally, as you will gladly do.

I thank you, in the name of our

children, for the picture you sent them. We must send something one of these days in return. Meanwhile, desiring affectionate remembrance to Mrs. Goodell, I am,

Most truly yours, R. A.

(Copies of a letter from J. P. Brown, Esq & of Mr. A's. answer were sent with the following)

Boston, Jan 19. 1836.

Rev. Wm Goodell
Constantinople

My Dear Brother,

I believe the foregoing letters explain themselves. I thought it best to send you copies of them, as possibly they may be of use. From a desire to oblige Mr. Brown, I suggested that he should deposit his box in our store=room as he designed to leave it in Boston. The rest is told above, except that the trifling circumstance of his not paying the postage, on his letters, made us think the case was less urgent than it afterwards appeared. He sent me four letters, the first enclosing letters for Constantinople, 75 cts postage; the other three about his box, 57 cts postage: =$1.32cts. Mr. Brown appeared to me to be a very amiable man, & I had every disposition to oblige him, independently of his uncle's kindness to you. I hope he may not lose his place. Most truly Yrs

R. A.

Continuation of letter to Mr. Goodell, of Constantinople, dated Jan. 19, 1836.

P.S. Jany. 21. I perceive I have not acknowledged yr of Septr 22d. You suggest Mr Finney as the right sort of a man to be sent out as a Professor of Pastoral Theology in yr institution. I hope you will make this suggestion to noone but me, until you know more of the proceedings and result of the Oberlin Institute, at which he sustains some such a relation as this. With many great excellencies, I fear he would be a very unsafe man.

In relation to seminaries, our Committee are proceeding systematically. We have seven or eight in contemplation, as you will learn from the extracts from Instructions which we gave Mr Jackson. Before we take any steps with a view to such an institution at Constantinople, it will be necessary that the mission at Constantinople, as such, take the subject into serious consideration, and write explicitly, describing the kind of institution you want, the reasons for it, &c. &c. Can you not make more of Peshtimaljean's? Would he not regard yours with apprehensions as a rival institution? Our Committee have no objection whatever to an extended plan of operations, but they must be made in some way to see the way clear before they will go forward.

Mr Brewer has come on a visit to this country. Brothers Temple & Adger wrote us strongly in favor of reappointing him. Br. Bird wrote his concurrence with their views. Mr Bacon of New Haven has also visited us, and written in favor of his reappointment. No one, however, even professes to know Mr Brewer's wishes on the subject, though I suppose there cannot be much doubt on the subject. There are however insuperable obstacles at present, according to the unanimous opinion of our Committee, to their having any action in the case. Besides having received no communication from him, nor from any one authorized to speak for him, (and why should we not have some communication from him before acting on his case, since he was dismissed at his own request?) "the Committee", as I wrote Mr Bacon, "have no evidence that a renewal of Mr Brewer's connection with the Board, will not occasion a renewal of difficulties similar to those of former times. The proceedings in relation to Mr Brewer have not been peculiar to him. They were not extraordinary in fact. The course pursued towards Mr Brewer from the beginning was substantially such as has been pursued towards other missionaries of the Board, without any complaint or dissatisfaction on their part. If Mr Brewer were to come into connection with the Board again, he would find an affecting change of men indeed who manage the affairs of the Board, but substantially the same principles, views, feelings, usages, and methods of doing business. Mr Brewer's former difficulties with the Committee, were wholly the result of misapprehension on his part. The Com. believing this, naturally inquire for evidence that there would not be similar misapprehension in future. There is no evidence before them that he has changed the views he entertained of the principles and proceedings of the Com. in 1827. '28, and indeed previous to that time; for you are aware that ~~t~~his misapprehensions of the proceedings of the Committee commenced some time before he left this country. On the contrary, Mr Temple's plea for his reappointment as a missionary of the Board, grew out of the fact that the unhappy agency of a Mr Brown had "opened the old wound as wide as ever," and that such things may be expected to occur as long as he remains unconnected with the Board. That particular wound might perhaps be healed; but, if the Committee were to reappoint Mr Brewer, and felt bound in future to go contrary to any of his wishes, to dissent from any of his opinions, or to restrict his plans & limit his expenses, would not a new wound be inflicted? And if he fell into any misapprehensions, might not those prove as invincible as the old have been?"

The Committee must forget all the lessons of prudence they have ever learned, before they can take steps towards the reappointment of Mr Brewer in such circumstances as these.

You and brothers Bird & Smith must recal the lessons we learned together at Malta, and help good brother Temple and all the junior brethren to take right views on this subject. Why should I have to come out again? I shall send to brethren Temple & Adger a considerable amount of documents on the subject.

After all, no department of the missionary work can proceed long without large demands on the score of confidence. First of all & above all, there must be confidence in the wisdom, goodness, and faithfulness of God. Then there must be confidence in those who are placed over the system as managers. Then there must be confidence, more or less, reposed in those who act as agents; viz. Secretaries, Treasurer, General Agents, Missionaries, &c. &c. Now the Committee, in three successive stages of its being, so to speak, has unanimously and very decidedly, as I testify from personal & intimate knowledge, come to the same decision in the case of Mr Brewer; — not, indeed, in reference to future contingencies, but in respect to present and past circumstances. (1.) Mr Reed, Dr Wood, Mr Evarts, Mr Hubbard & Dr Fay. (2.) Dr Day & Dr Chapin (placed on the Committee for this purpose by the Board, at Mr Brewer's suggestion,) Mr Reed, Dr Fay & Dr Wisner. (Dr Woods, Mr Evarts, and Mr Hubbard were absent when this Com. came to their result.) (3.) Mr Hubbard, Dr Fay, Governor Armstrong, Mr Stoddard, Mr Tappan, & Mr Hayes. The unanimous opinions of three successive bodies of such men are entitled to great confidence; especially as the case was entirely new to the majority in each of the successive stages. For myself I am confidently persuaded of the wisdom of their whole proceedings in the case of Mr Brewer.

As we have not the 14th & 15 Reports of the Board on hand, & as you probably have them, we send you the other Reports unbound. You can get them bound at Smyrna.

I expect to write the other brethren, & desiring &c

R. A.

Jany 21st 1836.

Rev. Eli Smith,
Beyroot.

My dear Brother,

Your favor of the 2nd Sept. containing the system of organization adopted by the mission in Syria, was duly received & transmitted to our Com. The Com. saw nothing to object to; moreover they did not deem it necessary for them to act formally upon any of your rules except the two which appeared to be fundamental. The following is an extract from the minutes of the Prudential Committee, Dec. 22nd 1835; viz

"The Syrian Mission having been instructed to adopt some systematic organization for the better accomplishment of its objects as a mission, reported that the two following general rules, which, after some emendations, were

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approved by the Com. viz.

"1. ~~Th~~That in all matters appertaining to the mission, & to be referred to its decision, it is within the province of the station at Beyroot, as of all the other stations, to express its opinions in resolutions & acts, to be submitted to the other stations."

"2nd That when their approbation or disapprobation is received, it shall be reported to the station at Beyroot, & recorded, & ~~the~~ said resolutions & acts, if approved by a majority of the members, of the Missions entitled to vote according to the rules & regulations of the Board, shall be valid as the acts of the Mission. If not then approved, they shall be referred to the next general meeting of the Mission."

No objection being made to the other by-laws reported, they of course remain in force, till the Mission shall rescind them.

The other letters from you to be answered were the following; viz: dated Aug. 21st 1835, (in duplicate,) & Aug. ~~30th~~ 22nd. also June 30th 1835.

I have also received the following joint letters, viz: dated Aug. 14th 1835, (in duplicate,) & Sep. 2nd 1835.

The Com. at first instruted Mr. Hallock to procure for the great number of Arabic characters you were in need of. The probability of his success, however, was quite small, & both he & we were greatly relieved when your proposal came for the means of making your own types. As we shall have a complete foundry at Smyrna, it is doubtful whether we had better have a second foundry complete at Beyroot; but Mr. Hallock has been instructed to procure every-thing necessary for making the & I am hoping they will arrive in season for the Almena. What you obtain from Smyrna will enable you to make a beginning. Should it appear hereafter that you need a complete establishment, wholly independant of that at Smyrna, for manufacturing type, as well as the punches & matrices, I doubt not, the Com. will cheerfully provide one. We have received from Smyrna, & forwarded to Mr Hallock, a list of the articles taken by Mr Badger from Smyrna.

With regard to Mr Badger, I hardly know what to say, except that I see no way in which he can be enabled to come to this country for education. I find Mr Hallock's opinion of him is considerably less favorable than yrs and Mr Temple's, and he is strongly of the opinion that we cannot rely upon having his services long. His facts are not very decisive, and perhaps his opinion may be prejudiced and substantially erroneous. Taking every thing into the account, we feel like continuing to look after a printer for you. It may be a year or two before we find one, and if you do not need him, he can go elsewhere. As we are so much enlarging our establishment at Smyrna, the Committee has resolved to provide an associate for Mr Hallock. I hope one may be found to go out with him. It strikes me that the best course for Mr Badger to pursue is the one you have suggested to him — to remain with you as a printer on a salary, and at the same time pursue his studies with a view to ordination at a future time. If, after a proper time, the mission should be unanimous and decisive in recommending him to the Committee for appointment as a missionary, and this recommendation were accompanied with a particular and satisfactory description of his character and conduct, my impression is that the Committee would have little hesitation in giving him an appointment in connection with the mission; notwithstanding their strong and increasing objection to bringing foreigners into connection with the Board as missionaries. I can form no judgment as to the amount of salary it would be proper to give him as a printer.

I shall write Mr Thomson, but I will here express my cordial approbation of his marriage with Mrs Abbott, whom I learned to esteem very highly as a disciple of Christ during my stay in Malta. May her connection with the mission be long and happy, and greatly increase her own usefulness, and that of all with whom she is so intimately related.

The Committee have voted permission for Mr & Mrs

Bird to visit this country with their children. I regret that Mr Bird's Arabic labors will be suspended so long.

Yr chronometer, sextant, &c have arrived, and will be disposed of according to yr wishes. Today we also received the minerals, &c., for which we are much obliged.

I wrote the mission on the 2d of December, and you on the 3d. My health has been good for months past. Praised be the Lord. Desiring affectionate regards to all the brethren & sisters of the mission, I remain &c

P.S. Mr Chapman is procuring the articles you requested, to send by the Almena. I refer to a list you sent, I believe under date of June 23d. The list is in his hands.

R.A.

2. Postscript. Jany 22 – It has been suggested to me that I have held out too much encouragement in respect to the future appointment of Mr Badger as a missionary, considering that he is a foreigner. What I have said has been for the mission solely, and not to be communicated to him. What I have said too, imposes no obligation on the Committee, and ought not in any shape to go to him as from me. Anything like committal from the mission, ought also to be avoided, as far as his future permanent connection with the mission is concerned. If he will not bear to labor with you without unreasonable pledges in respect to the future, that fact alone will show that there would be too great a risk in giving him a permanent appointment.

Boston Jany 25th, 1836.

Mr William M. Thomson,
Beyroot Syria,

My dear Brother,

After acknowledging the receipt of yr letter of July 3d & Aug. 31st, 1835, I must congratulate you and my much esteemed friend Mrs Thomson on yr marriage. May yr lives be spared to each other and to the cause of missions, and you be blessed with a long, happy, useful connection. I beg you will present to Mrs Thomson my cordial, fraternal salutations and best wishes. Yr reasons for not writing to consult us on the subject were amply sufficient.

I was sorry that Mr Hebard & Mr Lanneau founded it expedient — as it was in their estimation — to go out unmarried. You must do all that you can to administer to their happiness and usefulness. We shall heartily second the plans of the ~~teachers~~ mission to rear native teachers & preachers, through the divine blessing. But I wrote on this subject in December, and need not add now to what I then said. Yr other schools will of course be multiplied to as great an extent as will comport with their proper superintendence.

We are hoping to increase the number of missionaries in yr part of the world. There is an unhappy aspect of a war with France in our horizon just now. The Lord avert such a calamity. What makes me think it will probably come is, that our prosperity as a people is so great as to be our bane. We have been terribly forgetful of the goodness of God. A war would seriously embarrass our operations. But the Lord may overrule all for good.

R. A.

Boston Jany. 25. 1836.

Mr George B. Whiting,
Jerusalem, }

My dear brother,

I have the pleasure of acknowledging yr letters of May 1st, July 20th, & Aug. 25th, 1835. The articles you request in them will all be sent. The interesting intelligence in the one dated May 1st, you will see in the Missy Herald.

The opening you find among the Pilgrims is what I have long anticipated. Indeed they are our great inducement to have a station at Jerusalem. Was it not to pilgrims chiefly that Peter's sermon was addressed? and was it not by means of the remarkable success of the gospel among them in the first instance, that the way was signally prepared for preaching it throughout the Roman empire? What you do among the Pilgrims will, no doubt, through the blessing of God, have the effect to prepare the way for missionary efforts in many parts of Western Asia. Yr Bibles, yr tracts, the sight of yr schools, yr personal instructions, will exert an influence which will hereafter be felt by many a missionary in places remote from the Holy City, though they may not suspect the cause. Yr calculations and plans should therefore be made to exert the best and greatest possible influence upon the pilgrims. Endeavor, also, to gain information from them with respect to their several countries, the preferable routes to them, distances, &c. &c. &c. You occupy an important post both for observation and influence. It was a paragraph in the newspapers from Dr Walsh's pen, giving some reports he had heard concerning the Chaldeans of Oormiah, which attracting my attention several years ago, probably led to the mission to the Nestorians. It certainly gave rise to instructions to Mess^{rs} Smith and Dwight to visit that people. Remember we have undertaken, in the strength of Christ, to publish the gospel from Illyricum to Cape Comorin, and every fact concerning the intermediate Countries and people is important.

We have not yet obtained a physician for Syria. Perhaps one of the brethren who left us in December will have joined you in Jerusalem before this reaches you.

My health is excellent. Remember me affect^y to Mrs Whiting and any you may have with you, particularly to Mr Nicolayson if he is in Jerusalem. I have the impression that Mrs N. is on a visit to England.

R.A.

Boston Jan^y 25. 1836.

Rev. L. W. Pease, }
Syria, }

My dear Brother,

I have only one letter from you not acknowledged, dated June 13. 1835. An order for the various articles requested in yr letter has been handed over to our depositary, and you will of course receive them in due time. The "Evangelist" is sent to the mission, and therefore none has been ordered for you in particular. Our bill for periodicals is already very large, and if we increase the number of particular works, it must be at the expense of variety. However, if the mission deem it expedient that more copies of any one periodical be sent, they will freely say so.

All things considered, we are glad you remain in Syria. Not that we are not anxious to see Cyprus supplied with the Gospel, but the island has little or no influence on the neighboring continent, and our great work is on the main land. Besides, the climate seems not to be salubrious, and we find great difficulty in procuring the men we need. If you are still in Syria, you will do well to remain there, unless you receive other instructions from the Committee.

We regret much the necessity of Mr Bird's absence, & trust it will not be long. The committee have sent permission for him to visit the United States with his family next Spring.

R.A.

Boston Jan^{y} 25. 1836

Rev. Samuel R. Houston,
Scio.

My dear brother,

Y^{r} letters of Sept 4th & 24th, 1835, have been duly received. Indeed I perceive the former was acknowledged on the 2^{d} ult^{o}. The flour, molasses, books, surgical instruments, &c, which you requested, have all been ordered. We had some doubts about the propriety of getting so many instruments for a station where was no missionary physician, but at last decided to procure and send them. The books and instruments you will of course understand, belong to the Board, unless you see best to dispose of them to Dr Galatti. I confess, from what I have seen of Greeks, or rather of poor human nature in their circumstances, and from what I have known of young Greeks of that name from Scio, I fear you will altimately have some difficulty with the Dr. growing out of this very effort to serve him. I mention this not at all to interrupt yr confidence in him and yr friendly intercourse with him, but that you may take care not to put yrself too much in his power, to injure you or yr operations. There is one strong ground for hope. You may be the means of his conversion, and then he may prove of the greatest use to you. Aim at and pray for that without ceasing. I shall write him a few lines in reply to his letter to me.

Mr George W. Leyburn has been designated to Scio. He is now attending medical lectures at Richmond. I understand he is an acquaintance and particular friend of yours. You will therefore the more rejoice at his designation. We still keep our eyes on Scio as the probable site of our future Greek seminary. Yr plans should have some prospective reference to this.

Praying the Lord to smile upon yr labors more & more and desiring an affectionate remembrance to Mrs Houston, &c

R.A.

P.S. The instruments for Lithotomy, mentioned in yr memorandum, are not to be found in this city, and, as we understand, are not to be procured except in Philadelphia.

☞ See Postscript to the above page 527.

Boston. Jan. 26. 1836.

Rev. H. G. O. Dwight,
Constantinople

My Dear Brother,

The letters from you to be acknowledged are the duplicates dated Oct. 12th giving me an account of the armenian types ordered from Vienna. I immediately gave Mr. Hallock information of the fact, but as his punches matrix, & types for his pica & long primer founts were under way, we thought he had better proceed with them.

As the establishment will be so well supplied with armenian type, I trust you will be prepared to keep the press in motion, after his return, with armenian books. He will probably be accompanied by a journeyman printer & possibly a book binder.

The Chemical apparatus &c. you request we will endeavour to send by this vessel.

I can add no more at present, except that I much desire your prayers & am, Most truly yours,

R. A.

Affectionate remembrance to Mrs. Dwight.

Boston. Jan. 26. 1836.

Rev. Messrs Temple & Adger }
Smyrna. }

Dear Brethren,

I send you a long communication on the case of Mr. Brewer, which will, I trust prove entirely satisfactory to you in respect to the course pursued by the Comt. even should Mr. B return to Smyrna without a reappointment. Indeed I venture to believe that you will not desire such a reappointment, unless there should be convincing evidence that his mind has undergone a great & favorable change in some important respects. I beg you will read the documents in the order proposed in my letter.

The two letters received from you on the case of Mr. B. were acknowledged in the letter above referred to. Besides these, I have received Mr. Temple's letter of Oct. 29th. Nov. 7th, & the narrative he designed for Mr. Hallock of the Tract Society. From Mr. Adger I have received a list of his private library, for which I am much obliged.

I have sent a copy of the articles taken by Mr. Badger to Mr. Hallock at New York. Mr. Hallock has been authorised to procure type &c. as follows: viz:—

One fount pica Armenian, 800 lbs
One fount long primer Armenian, 3 lbs
Punches & matrices for the above fonts.

Cuts of large Armenian letters for school cards &c.

To stereotype the Alphabetarian.

To get the materials ready for cutting & casting type

Implements for cutting & casting Arabic type, in connection with the Syrian press. (I suppose only the implements for cutting type will be sent.)

Punches & matrices for a pica fount of Greek type

Fount of long primer Hebrew, 600 lbs for Smyrna.

Fount of brevier Hebrew, 450 lbs

I presume he will be authorised to take out a journeyman printer & a book-binder.

Please note the founts of Hebrew. He was authorised to get these on the presumption that they are not ordered from ~~Smyrna~~ Germany. I shall write to Leipsic, informing Tauchnitz that we have got these type, & that if they have been ordered from him he need not ~~get~~ send them.

The Armenian Scriptures ought to be put to press as soon as Mr. Hallock returns.

We did think at first of furnishing the means of stereotyping, but finally thought you would have few works prepared for that process at present.

It was thought best for Mr. Hallock to get the founts of Armenian above named, as he had begun to do, notwithstanding we heard of your ordering type from Vienna.

We expect to send Mr. Houston an associate ~~himself~~ next spring, Mr. Geo. W. Leyburn, a friend of his, & good scholar, &c.

I have time, as you see, to send you little more than memorandums: yet my correspondence with you by this vessel is not brief.

Remember me~~to~~ affectionately to your wives, & to Mrs. Hallock, & if any who left us in December, are still with you, to them also. Pray for me, & believe me as ever yours. R.A.

P Postscript to the letter to Mr Houston. page 523.

Doct. Gallatti writes me as if he expected us to make him an offer of a larger salary than you feel at liberty to give him. It would obviously be out of the question for us to give him as much as he thinks he shall need. But this is a matter between you and him. Use yr best discretion, only remember that the more you give and do, the more probably will be desired. Such is human nature. May you have wisdom, and much of the consolations of the blessed spirit.

R. A.

Boston Jany 26. 1836.

Rev. Wm G. Schauffler,
Constantinople. }

My dear brother,

I have been writing a letter of seven or eight and twenty pages to our brethren Temple & Adger about the case of Mr Brewer, (I mean pages of my own writing. I send them a copy,) and this communication with upwards of sixty pages of documents, I send to be kept at Smyrna for reference by any of our own missionary brethren whose minds become exercised on the subject. This painful business, however, has left me little time for other correspondence. ~~I have~~

I have three letters from you to acknowledge, dated July 14, containing a deeply interesting account of Mrs Schauffler's sickness, Aug 5th (a duplicate) and a duplicate of a joint letter dated Aug. 17. 1835. What a scene the Lord has pleased to carry you through in the illness of yr dear wife. You almost received her as one restored from the dead. It was nearly so; for by yr account she must have gone so far as to feel the ravishments of a near approach to the heavenly city. Never withhold from us such charming accounts; for, apart from the interest we feel in yr sufferings and joys as members of one common family, the experience of Christians in such circumstances, where they are favored with the presence of the Lord, is always useful to their brethren. It brings up a good report of the land to which we are going, and is an affecting demonstration of the faithfulness of him who has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

Mr Greene informs me that he is designing to commence publishing from yr journal in Macedonia & Thrace, with various cuts &c. It is worthy of being published in a seperate volume, but there is hardly curiosity enough in this community respecting those countries to encourage the bookseller to venture an edition. The edition of Messrs Smith and Dwight's work has been long out of print, but although there is the eclat of an English edition, I cannot persuade C & B to venture upon a second edition.

I suppose Mr Greene would have commenced it sooner in the Herald, had he not felt unable to do justice in that periodical to so long and valuable a document.

Mr Hallock has been authorized to procure a large fount of long primer Hebrew type, (600 lbs) and 450 lbs brevier Hebrew; so that you need not seek for that type elsewhere. I shall write to Charles Tauchnitz of Leipsic, telling him that if type of that description has been ordered by ~~that~~ our establishment at Smyrna, it need not be sent. How you are to get the Rabbinic type I do not know.

R.A.

P.S. Affec.ta remembrance to Mr Homes, if with you. He will of course set right down to the Turkish under yr tuition. Xn salutations also to Mrs & Mr Jackson.

53 A letter was directed to ~~Rev~~ R. J. Robertson D.D. Syra enclosing another, and also informing him of a box sent to him by brig Almena.— dated Jan. 27. 1836.

Boston, U.S.A. Jan. 27. 1836.

Dr Stamaty M. Gallatti, }
Island of Scio. } Dear Sir,

I am happy to acknowledge

the receipt of yr letter dated $\frac{12}{24}$ of Aug. last. About the same time in the year, six years before, I was sailing up between yr beautiful island and the main land, and had a distinct view of the ruins of yr city. I shall always retain the impression which indeed I should be sorry to lose. May Scio speedily rise, through the blessing of God, from her ruins, and recover her former prosperity and loveliness.

The greatest blessing to any people, however, is the culture of the mind and the heart, and the culture of the heart should always accompany that of the understanding. If merely secular learning is all that is attended to, and religion is neglected, the inevitable consequence will be pride of intellect, infidelity, and a more refined, but greater depravity. Our efforts for the benefit of the Greek people are all on the plan of connecting science with religion; and we endeavor to distribute the scriptures extensively, that the people may judge for themselves whether our views of religion are in accordance with the Bible. What we long much to see is the Greek people, and all other people, enlightened, holy & happy. The native intelligence of yr countrymen, their enterprize, and the position they occupy in the very centre of the old hemisphere, render it very probable that they are to have a very important agency in diffusing the light of the Gospel again over Western Asia. For this great work, so worthy of them, we wish to see them preparing, and we desire to render them all the assistance in our power. We wish to see the young men of Greece preparing for it, & engaged in it. Could the learning, the preaching, the piety, the religion of Chrysostom be fully revived in Greece, how happy not only for Greece, but for Asia, for Eastern & Southern Europe! We live too far from Asia to operate upon it with facility, but how near are you! how easy of access is it to you! How easily might yr nation send forth Bible-distributors, & schoolmasters, & preachers of the Gospel! I hope and pray that the time may be near when they will do this. If Greece will do what so much needs to be done in that part of the world, we may then go elsewhere. Nothing, however, will satisfy us, Dear Sir, but the general prevalence of a vital, spiritual, holy piety among you and every where. Is there a nobler, worthier object to which you can devote yr life?

I have no fears but you will find Mr Houston more & more worthy of yr confidence and esteem. I perceive yr regard for him is fully reciprocated.

As a memento I beg you will accept our English version of the Psalms of David which I send you herewith. It is designed for a pocket companion. My prayer, dear Sir, is that though we may not meet in this world, we may meet and dwell forever in that world of glory and blessedness where sin and seperation are unknown.

R.A.

Boston Jany 29. 1835

To Mr Charles Tauchnitz,
Leipsic.

Dear Sir,

Thinking it possible that the ~~American~~ missionaries of the Am. B. of Com. for Foreign Missions, who are stationed at Smyrna & Constantinople, may have ordered Hebrew type from you, I wish to say; — that if you have received an order from Hebrew type from the Rev. Daniel Temple, of Smyrna, or the Rev. William G. Schauffler of Constantinople, I wish you not to send the type, as we have succeeded in procuring two founts in this country, which may answer our purpose. What I say refers to the common Hebrew type, and not to Rabinnical type. If they have sent for Rabinnical type, I would have you send it if possible, as it cannot be obtained in the United States. The request above made will apply to orders dated as late as April 1. 1836.

R.A.

Boston Jan 22 1836

Rev. Messrs Temple & Adger,
Smyrna,

Dear Brethren,

What Mr Temple said in his letters of May 30. ~~April~~ Sept. 26, & Oct. 17 in relation to Mr Brewer, and Mr Adger's letter of Sept 24 on the same subject, were read to the Committee at a full meeting last week. The result you will find briefly stated in the copy I send you of my letter to Mr Bacon of N. Haven. That you may enter into the circumstances and views of the Committee more fully, I will send you such a selection as my time will permit from the numerous documents relating to Mr Brewer's case, with a statement of my own, having a special reference to Mr Brewer's letter to the Committee dated July 25, 1828. A copy of that letter is among the accompanying documents. These I send for yr own information, and that of any other missionaries of the Board whose minds may become interested in the subject.) I depend upon yr not allowing copies to be taken, and I have entire confidence as to the discretion you will exercise in the use you make of them.

(Before proceeding farther, please read Mr Brewer's letter of July 25. 1828. (See his letter) [Begin now to copy on another leaf]

No one can read this letter of Mr Brewer's without being convinced that the writer was sincere in his belief of what it contains; and no one can receive his statements without strong qualifications and not feel that Mr Brewer was an injured man. I do not wonder that many who read or hear only Mr Brewer's statements, imbibe a prejudice against our Committee. And yet, knowing all the facts intimately from the beginning, I declare my unqualified belief that there is nothing in the treatment which Mr Brewer received from the Com., or from individual members of the Committee, or from the other officers of the Board, which affords just ground of complaint on his part. I mean to be understood literally when I say there is nothing. Of course I mean to say, that Mr Brewer labors under great misapprehensions; and taking into view all the circumstances, it is the most remarkable instance of misapprehension, both in the degree and invincibleness of it, that I ever knew. The misapprehensions commenced early; and when one had taken possession of his mind with respect to the Committee, I know not that it was ever effaced, or even softened down. In respect to his whole intercourse with the Committee, I have a distinct impression and recollection of his intellectual history. It was sometime indeed before I admitted that Mr B. was constitutionally prone to jealousy. He was my friend. We were together in the seminary. And when Mr Evarts, after this trait in Mr B began to be developed, declared his ~~conviction~~ apprehensions that they should have difficulties with him in case he were appointed a missionary, I became his advocate on the ground that he was a dyspeptic, and that all this might be expected to pass away when once he had entered his field. That I totally misjudged, is but too evident.

I do not recollect the facts of my interview with Mr Brewer, as described on the second page of the copy of his letter. I presume he is substantially correct. The Committee had the same opinion then on one subject that they have now - viz: that missionaries who go out to explore a country should generally be unmarried men, and that missionaries who are to remain stationary, should generally be married. There were two countries, S. America & Armenia, which the Committee were desirous of exploring. Some other fields were thought to need attention of this kind, but I have a more distinct recollection of these two. The most promising men were of course selected for explorers. According to my recollection, Mr Brewer and Mr Cowles were at first thought of for S. America. Mr Brigham and Mr Parvin were sent to that country, instead of the other brethren, because they were ready to go two years earlier. Mr Cowles ~~soon~~ decided that he could not go abroad, and was appointed a General Agent of the Board. Mr Brewer was now thought of more especially in connection with the exploring tour in Armenia, but never in connection with Arabia. (See p. 4 of his letter.) We never had a thought of sending him, or any one else, into Arabia. And as Mr Evarts was very accurate in the use of words, I have no belief that he ever said to any one that there was any thought of sending

Mr B. to that country. But though it was in contemplation to send him to Armenia as an explorer there was not any formal action on his case, until the spring of 1826. He was then appointed a missionary of the Board. The fact is Mr B. had not, until this time, made any distinct offer of his services. I know of no other reason for the delay in his appointment, than his having made no distinct offer. The cause of his not making a formal offer and making it early, is to be found partly in~~to~~ some misapprehensions he fell into, partly, I presume, in the peculiarities of the man, and more in the bad state of his health, and the advice of friends founded on the state of his health. There has ever been a proneness in him to ponder upon suggestions and hints, and to make too much of them. My hint to him while we were together at Andover, (for it could have been nothing more than a hint,) he treated almost as if it had been an appointment of the Committee. As the plan, which his lively fancy seems to have matured at once, did not develope itself as soon as he expected, he appears to have admitted the suspicion that the Committee had misgivings respecting him. Then came the unfortunate affair with the lady in Maine, in which he certainly labored under some serious misapprehensions, if the sister of the lady is to be credited. (See Statement of Miss Mary Ann Adams to Mr Evarts.) As to the interference of Mr Evarts with the design to throw an obstacle in the way of Mr B's success, there was no such thing. I knew all Mr Evarts' views and feelings in relation to this matter; & I much question whether at that time he had any knowledge even, of Mr B's matrimonial plans. If he said anything to the father respecting Mr B's probable destination, it was doubtless in answer to inquiries, & *Armenia* was mentioned rather than *Arabia*. The father, however, might have forgotten the country, and, in his recollections substituted Arabia for Armenia.

I believe it was in the autumn of 1824, that Mr B accepted the appointment of tutor in Yale College. Such was the state of his health and spirits at that time, that his friends were generally pleased that he did so, hoping that the results would be ~~favorable~~ beneficial. It seems, however, that Dr Woods asked him whether his accepting the tutorship was not inconsistent with the encouragements he had given the Committee. This drew forth a letter from Mr B. to me in January, 1825, which we understood to be explanatory and apologetical, but which, it afterward appeared was designed, (at least a part of it) to be understood as an "indirect offer" of his services. Not supposing that there was anything of the nature of an offer of service from him in this letter, or on their files, ~~they~~ the Committee did not feel at liberty to act formally in the case, but, as friends, declared their entire acquiescence in the course he was pursuing, and gave him such advice as they thought best adapted to restore his health. Special pains were taken to assure him that the advice was given solely with a view to the recovery of his health. There was certainly some mistake here, and perhaps both the Committee and the writer of the letter ought to have better known Mr Brewer. To our surprize, he regarded the advice as precluding, and as designed to preclude, all further application for employment. Had we known Mr B then, as we do now, we might perhaps have avoided this evil. I wrote him a second time, and read my letter to Mr Hill (Mr Evarts being absent) to ascertain whether it could possibly be misunderstood; but it did not prove satisfactory (See four letters dated Feb. 15, March 3, April 23, & May 14, 1825.) The unfortunate impression had taken strong hold of his mind. I then suggested to Mr Evarts that he should write the next letter, as I had wholly failed in conveying the right impressions to Mr B's mind.

From that time ~~to this~~ until now, I do not think Mr B. has had confidence in the feelings of the Committee towards him. The ground of complaint has been changed two or three times, but there have always been some unsettled difficulties, which have made him unhappy, and which, while he was connected with us, occasioned much perplexity and pain to the officers of the Board. But observe, there was no just cause for this loss of confidence on the part either of the Committee, Treasurer, or Secretaries. There had not really been one unkind or unbrotherly act on their part towards him. I do not mean that

Mr B thought so, but there had not been in fact.

The *first* ground of difficulty, known to us at the time, grew out of the *delay of his appointment* as a missionary. The second grew out of the *delay of his designation*. It was not then so easy to designate missionaries, as it is now. It had become doubtful whether the time for exploring Armenia had arrived; and besides there was no associate for Mr Brewer, and his health was poor. The plan which he proposed for his mission appeared to the Committee to be injudicious;– it was, to go first to Bombay, thence up the Persian gulf, through Persia, into Armenia. Moreover it was difficult to learn Mr B's wishes fully, and the indications already referred to of an unhappy temperament, in connection with the providential attitude of several of our missions at that time, perplexed the Committee in endeavoring to decide where he would labor most advantageously. Had Mr B. perfectly understood the feelings of the Com. towards him, and frankly expressed his own feelings to them, and received all they said according to the natural meaning of language, and given full credit to our assertions, the case might, no doubt, have been brought to a point earlier. As I uniformly attended the meetings of the Committee, I know how the case stood. The question of a missionary's designation, has not, for twelve years at least, been involved in so much perplexity. At his ordination at Springfield in May, 1826, I had a free conversation with him and gained some insight into his predilections. At last the question of his *designation* was settled; but not until the delay had greatly strengthened the impression in his mind that the Committee were reluctant to employ him in the service of the Board.

The *third* ground of difficulty we did not even suspect till he wrote us from Malta! This was on the score of his marriage. He supposed that the Committee had exerted an improper influence to ~~make~~ constrain him to go unmarried; and also that they had set themselves against the marriage of missionaries generally. (See on several pages of his letter.) The proofs alleged by Mr Brewer, (pp. 7&8) that the Com were disposed to object to the marriage of missionaries in general, may have been sufficient to satisfy his mind, in the state it was when he left this country. His appointment & his designation had now become settled points, and his mind from constitution, or habit, or both, needed aliment for its morbid sensibilities. Going out with Mr Gridley, in whose case there had been an actual and very painful interference by the Committee, (painful to them as well as to him,) he supposed that he found evidence of a similar interference in his own case also; and both of these brethren strangely and confidently adopted the opinion, that it was in pursuance of a plan to prevent the marriage of the missionaries generally, that they were sent out unmarried. Now I declare my certain knowledge, that there never was any such plan, nor any wish whatever, on the part of the Com., or any of the officers of the Board, that missionaries generally should be unmarried; and Mr B's proof amounts to very little, when the facts are explained. The suggestion which Mr Evarts made to Mr Temple, for instance, never received the sanction of the Committee in any form. I myself objected to it, as Mr Temple may remember, and I did so, because the circumstances, according to our principles and usages, did not require a postponement of his marriage. What led Mr Evarts to suggest a delay, I do not know, as he never went into an argument on the subject, and relinquished the idea, as soon as Mr Temple's feelings became fully known to him. As for Mr Smith, I never heard of the question put to him by Dr Woods, till Mr B. mentioned it. Mr Smith's going out unmarried, has been overruled greatly to the furtherance of the cause, but it formed no part of the plans of the Com. concerning him. Mr Evarts was absent, and I conducted the whole of the official correspondence with him. The question said to have been put to him by Dr Woods, is in fact a preliminary question we frequently put to candidates. The fact of their having a matrimonial engagement, or not, often has an important bearing on their designation, the~~ir~~ time of their departure, &c. Mr Smith, at any rate, never felt himself pressed on the subject. Mr Gridley's constitution, temperament and character marked him out for an explorer, and, as an explorer, the Committee were indeed desirous that he should go out unmarried for a season. This Mr G. perfectly understood. But when he decided to marry, the Com. relinquished entirely all idea of his being an explorer, and acquiesced in his plans with entire cheerfulness. On his case I shall say no more, but refer you to the letter written by Mr Bird to Mr Jowett, and signed by himself, Mr Goodell & Mr Smith. (see their letter.) You will there also find ~~You will~~ an expression of their opinion on the case of Mr B. Mr Cowles, you will remember, was contemplated in the light of an explorer, to be associated with Mr B. The opinion of Mr Evarts "that under existing circumstances no more married missionaries would be sent to Ceylon," was new to him and to us all, when we saw it in Mr B's communication. The request of Dr Woods to the missionary candidates at Andover was not made in consequence of any suggestion from us, and could not have been in the sweeping form mentioned by Mr Brewer. It was no doubt, a friendly hint, designed to keep them from early and injudicious connections.

Before remarking on the case of Mr B. himself, I would remind you that these are all the facts, in connection with his own case, on which Mr B founded his opinion, and probably still rests it, that the Com. had arrayed themselves against marriage in missionaries. All this while the great body of missionaries had gone off peaceably with their wives; and not one was sent off single, nor asked to go single, but with the express understanding that he was to return, if he pleased, after three or four years, for the purpose of marriage.

In respect to Mr Brewer, I send you all the passages I find in Mr Evarts letters to him, relating to the subject of matrimony. (See extracts from correspondence with Mr B, dated July 19, 27, 1826.) You will notice in them several points. (1.) That Mr Evarts disclaims speaking in the name of the Com., when he recommends that Mr B go out unmarried for several years. (2.) That he clearly recognizes Mr B's perfect right to take out a wife if he pleases, only he reminds him of our rule in respect to testimonials. (We now require testimonials as decidedly as ever, but look to the missionary to obtain and forward them in respect to his intended wife, saying nothing to her about them.) (3.) The reason Mr Evarts assigns for his advice was, that Mr B. may be better able to move about in the unsettled state of the mission. My distinct recollection is, that, at the date of these letters, Mr Evarts was much influenced by the opinion, that the unmarried state would be most favorable to Mr B's health — an opinion to which I found it impossible to subscribe.

But, at any rate, what is there in his correspondence on the subject, that Mr B. has cause to complain of? what is there that one missionary in twenty would have made the ground of complaint or of dissatisfied feeling? I firmly believe there is nothing. Opinions, advice, confessedly not official, would have been met by a frank expression of opinions and feelings, and there the matter would have ended. If the missionary thought his age had not been sufficiently considered, as probably it was not in the case of Mr. Brewer, he would have said so, & that would have insured a due consideration of the fact. No decided expression of Mr. Brewer's views & wishes on this subject appears to have been received until it was drawn out by Mr. Evarts's letter of July 19, 1826, and he then said nothing about his age.

The agency attributed by Mr. B. to Mr. Evarts, in defeating his attempts to marry a lady in Maine, is of a grave character.

I have already referred to what he says on this subject, on page 4 of his letter to the Committee.

Mr. E. could not have spoken of his going to Arabia, because no such plan was ever thought of in respect to Mr. Brewer, or any one else. Of course all that Mr. Brewer says of Mr. Evarts's unhappy agency at that time, falls to the ground. I do not myself believe, & Mr. B. does not assert, that Mr. Evart did then even know of his proposals to Miss A. I doubt not also that Mr. Gridley misremembered some of the circumstances of what he related to Mr. B.;

indeed. it could scarcely be otherwise in the very excited state of his mind when he made his verbal communications to Mr. B. If the ill success of Mr. B. was known in the family of Mr. Evarts at the time, it must have been made known through Mr. Green, who was the class-mate, room-mate, and bosom-friend of the brother of the young lady. Truly there is nothing in all this; and I only wonder that Mr. B. should have made so much of it. Indeed, we were all greatly surprised when we found Mr. Brewer had a charge to bring against the Committee, or Mr. Evarts, or any one at the Rooms, on the score of his own marriage.

A fourth ground of difficulty was the treatment Mr. Brewer received from the Com. on his return to this country. The proceedings of the Com. in his case are all contained in the document given Mr. Brewer by the direction of the Prudential Committee, a copy of which is sent you. (See the document.)

In this connection, I recommend to you read the extracts from a long letter written by Mr Evarts to Prof. Fitch in reply to a letter from the Professor, commenting on the proceedings of the Com. in relation to Mr Brewer. (See the extracts.)

I know not that anything more need be said respecting the treatment which Mr B. received from the Com. on his return. His return was excused by an express vote, and he was dismissed from the service of the Board at his own request. I do not mean, however, to imply, that he would have been sent forth again by the Board, in the actual state of his mind, if he had not asked a dismission. I have no belief that he would or ought to have been.

I find a fifth, and very unexpected and extraordinary charge against the Board, in Mr Walter Colton's work called "Ship & Shore," pp. 307, 308. He says, "They" (the Board) "have abandoned him (Mr B.) under circumstances equally wounding to his feelings, and injurious to the great cause in which they are embarked. They have left him with four or five hundred Greek and Armenian Boys, eager for instruction, to struggle on as he can – to purchase from the most slender private means, even the books used by his pupils – to divide with them indeed, his last morsel of bread, while the funds thus withheld have been spent in sending out missionaries, to be eaten up by the cannibals of Sumatra." I do not know how far Mr Colton received his information from Mr B.

A sixth charge may possibly grow out of the fact, that the Com. make no advances towards Mr B. now, on his second return to the U.S. For the reasons why they do not, very briefly stated, see my letter to Mr Bacon. (See Letter.) And here you will need to guard yr own feelings, because the Com. go counter to yr own recommendation. The Com. gave a respectful consideration to yr reasoning, but have not been governed by it, because their view of the merits of the case is much more extended than yours could have been in yr circumstances. We have sent you these facts, that you may see the actual ground of difficulty with Mr Brewer. At present, past overt actions are taken into the account only as they indicate the character of Mr B's mind. If the Com. for a course of years, had the most serious perplexities and difficulties with Mr B. without any just cause whatever, why may they not again, in case he should be reappointed? His misunderstandings in the years preceding his appointment, and the entanglements in which his case became involved, were not owing to anything extraordinary in their course of procedure; nor were the sa~~i~~d consequences of his appointment, which had their full share of influence in creating the necessity ~~of~~ for my visit to the Mediterranean. The principles, ways, habits of business, policy, which governed the Com. in their intercourse with Mr B. were the same which governed them in their intercourse with other candidates and missionaries at that time; and were substantially the same which have ever since governed their proceedings. There has been an affecting change in the men who manage the concerns of the Board, but Mr B., if he were connected with us again, would find the views, principles, maxims, usages, policy, proceedings substantially unchanged. And unless he has greatly changed, how does it appear that his reappointment would be safe & wise? Is it said, there will be difficulties with him if he be not reappointed? Very likely. The

Com., however, do not think it would be wise to appoint a man a missionary of the Board because if he be not appointed, he will make difficulty for us, when there is no good evidence that he would not occasion far more serious difficulties if made one of our own missionaries. There is no evidence that Mr B. has now any different views of ~~his~~ his own conduct, or of the treatment he received from the Com., from those he formerly avowed, or that there has been any favorable change in the constitution of his mind. There is much reason to believe that his views and feelings are wholly unchanged, and that the state of mind, which rendered it impossible for us to do business with him without constant and the most painful and injurious misunderstandings on his part, has only become still more a part of his intellectual constitution. Although he was dismissed at his own request, and of course is not an expelled missionary, he makes no advances; he does not authorize his friends to make any. He says nothing which they feel at liberty to repeat as expressive of his wishes to become again connected with the Board. We know not that he says anything which is designed or fitted to induce us to make any advances towards him. We have strong reason to believe that his present influence, whether designedly or not, is unfavorable to the Committee & the Board. All the evidence which is before the Committee indicates such a state of mind as, if known, would be an insuperable bar to the appointment of ~~a~~ any candidate in the first instance; and the Com. see not why, if they are to act on principle, it should not be a bar (the fact being as they suppose) to the reappointment of Mr B. It is not a question of dignity, or etiquette, or form, but of justice to the cause. All things considered, is Mr B. a suitable man to be sent forth as a missionary of the Board? On this subject, even if the documents we send you should fail at first of carrying full conviction to yr minds, there is a weight of opinion, which, as it appears to me, ought to receive and will of course receive yr serious consideration. Mr B's case has in fact been before three bodies of men who have unanimously formed the same opinion concerning the impropriety of his being employed by the Board. (1.) There was the Committee which sat upon it on his first visit - consisting of Mr Reed, Dr Woods, Mr Evarts, Mr Hubbard & Dr Fay. (2.) Then there was the special Committee - consisting in ~~part~~ fact of President Day, Dr Chapin, Mr Reed, Dr Fay, & Dr Wisner, to a majority of whom the case ~~to~~ was new. (3.) Our present Committee consists of Mr Hubbard, Dr Fay, Gov.r Armstrong, Mr Stoddard, Mr Tappan, and Mr Noyes. To four out of the six of these the case is new, and yet they have unanimously come, with the evidence before them, to the same opinion with the others.

The fact is this case has been so strongly marked as one of jealousy, that we have been accustomed for years to refer to it in the Committee, under the denomination of "the Brewer case," as a standing and striking exemplification of cases of that description; and the Committee have declined sending one or two persons because they were believed to have developed a propensity to jealousy similar to that which had occasioned so much evil in our intercourse with Mr B.

I presume Mr B. will return to Smyrna; - perhaps still in connection with the ladies society at N. Haven; possibly in connection with the Western Foreign Missionary Society, should they surmount the facts that he is not a presbyterian and is from N. Haven. My only reason for this latter suggestion is, that I am credibly informed of a correspondence between Mr Swift and himself, which originated with Mr S. In any case Mr B will no doubt be a source of some pain and trouble to you; but if you avoid all controversies with him (as of course you will) he will occasion you less pain & trouble, I doubt not, than you anticipate.) If Mr Temple finds so near a connection making too great demands upon his health & spirits, I would suggest the expediency of his removing with his family to Constantinople as a missionary to the Greeks of that city, where he may again revive the old connection with Mr Goodell; in which case it would be best for Mr Riggs to remove to Smyrna to edit the Greek publications. Mr Benjamin might take Mr Riggs place at Argos. This I merely suggest as a thought of my own, and as an expedient which might relieve Mr Temple's feelings. I have no doubt but the arrangement might be brought about, if Mr Temple were pleased with it, as Mr Goodell has urged the appointment of a missionary expressly to the numerous Greeks of the metropolis.

(As the Committee believe themselves to be in the right course, they feel little apprehension of consequences. Those they refer to a higher Power. Any steps taken by them towards Mr B's reappointment, under present circumstances, appear to them to be uncalled for, and fraught with hazard. They hold to their great principle; — never, for any reasons, to give an unsuitable man the appointment of a missionary. You, dear brethren, will see the wisdom of this course. This principle we can justify, whatever ~~principles~~ difficulties may arise from it in practice. But if we depart from it, and difficulties arise, and especially if we should again get into difficulties with Mr B, from having departed from this principle, it would be hard indeed to find reasons to justify our course with reflecting men.

I fear ~~Ye see~~, Brethren ~~how~~ that this long a letter I have written you. I trust it will prove satisfactory. We are anxious not only to do what is right, but to have you convinced that what we do is right. May the Lord guide you and us, and overrule all we do to the furtherance of his own most blessed cause.

R. A.

P.S. The question has been frequently asked, why the Committee do not come out with a public statement on the case of Mr B, since it has acquired so much notoriety. The reason is, they have no desire to injure Mr B. and they believe such a statement would injure him very greatly. So long as the cause does not appear to suffer very materially from their silence, they are willing to lie under the imputations which have been thrown upon them. Having taken this ground, we say little about the case. We knew that Mr Colton had introduced the subject in his book, but not believing that his attack could be of a nature to call for any reply from us, neither of us had read or seen the charge until last Saturday. If called to make a public statement, we shall aim to do it with meekness but thoroughly. We hope no public statement on our part will ever be necessary. We shall certainly be slow to publish. We think it far safer to err on the side to which we have ever inclined – that of silence. I ~~hope~~ pray that you and we may have grace to possess our souls in patience; to bear and forbear, & forgive; and return fervent prayers for undeserved accusations and rebukes.

P.S. 2d. Jan. 26. Since writing the foregoing I have received a letter from Mr Homan Hallock containing the following paragraph, which strikes me as being founded in a very just opinion of Mr B. He says. – "The two reasons which have all along impressed my mind as objections to Mr B's being received, are that he will scarcely be able to bear restraint from the Com^{e}., or the mission, such as he and every other one must bear; and that his views may expand too fast for those of the Com. or the mission, and he be in favor of undertaking too large fields of labor, and fencing in more ground than we can cultivate."

New York Feb. 10, 1836.

Rev. John Leighton Wilson, }
Cape Palmas. –

Wrote him from New York in reply to his letter of Sep. 20 – Nov. 29, 1835. – by a vessel about sailing from that city. R. A.

Boston Feb. 25th 1836

To the Mission at Singapore – Wrote a letter to them of same tenor as the letter to the Mission at Constantinople; see page 481.

R. A.

Boston March 1. 1836.

Rev. J. L. Wilson,
Cape Palmas. W. Africa, } My dear brother,

I wrote you hastily from

New York on the 10th ult°. on which day I recd yrs of Sept 20th to Nov 29. 1830. On the 7th of Dec. I recd yrs of Aug. 4th to 25th. I promised to write you more fully by a vessel which was to sail from N. York, sometime the present month. I perceive you have recd my letter by the Susan Elizabeth, dated June 30th. I wrote you also Nov. 6 & Nov. 24. – the former by way of England the latter by way of Baltimore – and again Feb. 10 from N.Y.

We have a large parcel of pamphlets, papers, &c. waiting here for the ice to break up in the Sound, that we may send it by the steamboat to N. York. For nearly or quite two months the ice has been obstructed by ice. Such a winter of cold, ice & snow there has not been for many years.

Again I must caution you and Mrs Wilson to make the preservation of health a leading object. Do not travel too much, nor write at unseasonable hours, nor suffer yrselves to be discomposed by passing events, nor by the unreasonableness of the natives or colonists. Make the Lord Jesus by faith yr helpers, yr very present help in time of trouble. All you have to do is to lay hold upon the promises.

We expect Mr White (David) of Princeton, of whom I wrote you from N. York, to go out, the Lord willing, in the Autumn. There is a colored man of approved piety, in the teachers Seminary at Andover, who is desirous of being sent to Cape Palmas. He has gone nearly through the prescribed three years course for teachers. Mr Hall, and our Genl Agent Mr Bardwell are very desirous we should send him out to you in the capacity of teacher. We shall not act hastily in this thing, but take time to deliberate. I am rather disposed to recommend that he be placed in a printing office for some months, till he is able to do something at printing, and then be sent out in connection with a press, in the autumn. Perhaps we shall not be able to do better than this, as we can hear nothing of colored printers, good or bad.

Meanwhile you will be reducing the language to writing as yr strength shall permit. We send you Mr Pickerings Essay on a Universal Alphabet, which cannot fail of giving you many important hints. Make yr alphabet as simple as may be, and avoid, if possible giving more than one sound to a letter.

You know that you have liberty to have a boarding school just when you have strength to attend to it, but do not presume too far on yr own and Mrs Wilson's strength. If you get fairly settled in the space of two years, you will have accomplished more than the public seems to have expected, and as much as public opinion requires of you. What is far more important, I think yr Lord and Master will not require more. You are right in the opinion that the mission should not spread itself over much ground at present. Concentrate yrselves, yr plans and efforts. In this way, you will all be more likely to have health; and by keeping together for a time yr plans will acquire more unity, a stronger reaction will be felt at home, and helpers will be more likely to go out to you. When you have gleaned more knowledge of different routes into the interior, &c, and become acclimated, and have some to leave with the families, then may you take decisive measures for extending yr plans Eastward & northward.

We shall remember what you say about the qualifications of missionaries, and send you only such as may be confided in. We think very well of Mr White.

The methodist woman so improperly sent from Baltimore, is on no account to be allowed for a moment to regard herself as a part of our mission. As an object of Christian charity you must exercise yr discretion. She ought to be carried back again to Baltimore. She has no claims on you more than on others, and she and others ought to understand this fully.

As for Mrs Strobel, if she does not demean herself properly, she must be sent back to Savannah. We shall regard it as a flagrant violation of her duty, if she does not show kindness, and render kind personal attentions to you and Mrs Wilson when you are sick. Tell her with all plainness that she is under the direction of yrself and Mrs Wilson, and that if she does not hearken to you nor conform to yr directions she will be dismissed from the service of the Board and ordered home. I am very sorry to hear that she has been remiss in her duty. She may think it hard, but assuredly such conduct will not be tolerated in future. The welfare of the mission will require that she conform to its rules, or be dismissed from the service of the mission and come home. But if she does as she ought to do, and as you and we expected that she would do, she will have facilities in due time for being very useful. I am grieved that she should have been so forgetful of her duty to you and to the Lord Jesus, as to stand aloof when you and Mrs Wilson were sick. A repetition of such conduct after she has been faithfully admonished, will make me ~~think~~ fear greatly that the Lord Jesus will class her among those wretched persons, (very unfit to be connected with a christian mission) to whom he will say, "I was sick and ye visited me not."

With regard to the slaves whom you have been so desirous to liberate but have hitherto been unable, you need give yrself no solicitude. I wish however, you would write me in substance what you stated to me while in this country. That is, tell me how many you have – where they are – how situated – how employed – whether in a course of preparation to enjoy freedom when it shall be imparted – what yr desires have been & are – what have been the difficulties in the way of liberating them – what the prospects are, &c &c. It may be of great service for me to have these facts in possession, and perhaps I may be able to suggest to you, one day, a manner of relieving yrself from the evil. The article in the Evangelist to which you referred, never has given us any trouble. The stand we take you will no doubt see in a letter from brother Greene to a clergyman in Vermont, which you will find in the Recorder of three or four months since. It will be time for you to think of leaving the service of the Board, when we suggest it and not before. I wish you could by any means make the Southern Board a little more courageous to avow their connection with us.

You ask how families are supplied in our missions. Variously. In yr case, just as shall be most convenient. Yr mission will have a treasurer, and he will furnish money to the ~~missionaries~~ families as they need, and supplies will be sent to him, either to meet the special orders of families, or to be divided among them as the mission shall direct. Each mission of three or more missionaries is expected to become regularly organized.

You need not be afraid of writing me too fully. If yr letters are large and heavy, and go in a vessel bound to N. York, they can be addressed to the care of Mr Jesse Talbot, Brick Chh chapel, Nassau Street. Don't, however, subject us to much delay in the present stages of yr mission. Better pay a dollar or two of postage, than suffer much delay or uncertainty.

I think we shall have Mr White take out a watch-dog, if he can get a good one that will endure the climate. May you soon be surrounded by a faithful chh of natives. Above all, may you both enjoy the smiles and protection of the Savior of Men, whose you are, and whom you serve. We remember you with great interest and affection. Mrs A. desires an affectionate remembrance to Mrs Wilson, & I also

R.A.